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After a week of secret talks, a week of negotiations in Saudi Arabia

Saddam agrees to stop media attacks from today

# IT'S OVER

UAE denies joint Gulf manoeuvres with US forces

BAGHDAD, July 25, (Agencies): Iraq and Kuwait will hold direct talks at the weekend to try to solve their dispute peacefully, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak announced today in Cairo.

He also said that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has agreed to stop propaganda attacks on Kuwait as of tomorrow.

In Baghdad, Saddam summoned United States Ambassador April Glaspie for talks.

Government radio, which reported the meeting, gave no details on the contents of the talks, which came amid a mounting anti-American

campaign in the Iraqi news media.

The talks between Kuwait and Iraq will probably begin on Saturday or Sunday, Mubarak said in Cairo.

Mubarak was reviewing the outcome of his mediation efforts that took him to Iraq, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia yesterday.

Mubarak was speaking to reporters at the beginning of a ceremony marking graduations of some army and police officers.

"The problem does not need arbitration. President Saddam agreed to stop the media attacks starting tomorrow," Mubarak said.

"Two delegations from both sides will sit and discuss the problem. Of course it will take several meetings," he said.



Kuwait Oil Minister Al Ameen (second from right) with other ministers (Reuter wirephoto)



YSL show

An Yves Saint Laurent model wears a creation adorned with pheasant feathers in orange, red and yellow as part of the YSL autumn-winter haute couture show. (Reuter wirephoto)

# \$25 tag too high

Opec skirts row

GENEVA, July 25, (Agencies):

Kuwait, ahead of Opec talks in Geneva, said today an Iraqi call for the cartel to proclaim \$25 a barrel as its target oil price was unreasonable.

The Kuwaiti Oil Minister, Dr Raahid Salem Al Azeezi was the first Opec minister to publicly in the conference lobby that he did not think Iraq's price goal was realistic.

But Al Azeezi did sound a conciliatory note in also saying he did not insist that Kuwait should be assigned a higher Opec production quota for the October-December quarter of this year.

Opec ministers officially disregarded tension between member states Iraq and Kuwait and conducted business as usual before a mid-year conference on boosting production and prices.

**Consensus**  
The 13 ministers shrugged off questions about the Gulf confrontation and told reporters that agreement was emerging to raise the cartel's reference oil price from \$18 to \$20 a barrel.

Several delegates, emerging from the preparatory talks, nodded or said "yes" when asked if they had reached a consensus to raise the reference price to \$20 a barrel.

The United Arab Emirates' Oil Minister, Mana Al Otaibi said "the UAE will support the increase but will not agree to a higher price."

Iran's Oil Minister, Gholamreza Aghazadeh, appeared to envisage room for a compromise on the issue of how high to set Opec's reference price.

He told lobby reporters in Geneva: "In my opinion, I am sure the conference will increase the price. Maybe the minimum will be 20, maybe more than \$20."

"I am very sure that soon we will have a very strong resolution on this."

"We are only talking about oil, not politics," Aghazadeh told reporters during a break in preparatory talks.

"There is a very good atmosphere and everybody is trying their best to increase prices," he said.

**Lobbying**

Meanwhile, Al Azeezi, today continued his consultative meetings with other Opec oil ministers here, before the start of the meeting of the market Monitoring committee, scheduled for later this afternoon and the full Opec conference opening tomorrow.

Dr Al Azeezi told Kuna his meetings with other ministers were of a general nature, to discuss various developments in the oil market and also to assess the future prospects.

The Kuwaiti oil minister has met with his counterparts from Nigeria, Venezuela, Iran, Saudi Arabia and Algeria, among others.

Accosted by a crowd of journalists while passing through the hotel (Continued on Page 13)

The Amir  
briefs  
cabinet  
on row

KUWAIT, July 25, (Kuna): HH the Amir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah today briefed the Council of Ministers on the outcome of the contacts being exerted by Arab leaders to contain the Iraqi-Kuwaiti dispute.

Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Abd Al Rahman Al Awadi said HH the Amir also briefed the cabinet on his "positive" meeting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak who visited Kuwait yesterday within the framework of a tour that also took him to Baghdad and Jeddah.

In light of Arab efforts and contacts, Al Awadi said Kuwait rejects the method of pressure and intimidation and reaffirms its belief for pursuing the method of brotherly dialogue to resolve all differences between the Arabs.

He added that Kuwait expresses its appreciation for the sincere efforts being exerted by King Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to contain the Iraqi-Kuwaiti dispute and to reach a just and lasting solution to the dispute which maintains the legitimate rights for both sides in accordance with the international and Arab charters.

According to the Kuwaiti minister, Kuwait expresses hope that the sincere Arab efforts would come out with positive results which restore the natural relations between Kuwait and Iraq and to end the differences which will keep the Arab nation away from divisions and ruptures and strengthen Arab solidarity.

The spokesman added that "in light of statements by an Iraqi spokesman on the existence of joint American-UAE exercises, the (UAE) Foreign Ministry would like to clarify ... that the UAE conducts routine military exercises, especially at this period of the year, as part of a training programme."

The US last night announced that American and UAE forces began a limited exercise, noting that the US always conducts exercises in the waters of the Arabian Gulf with its friends in the area.

The UAE spokesman said press reports and Iraqi statements on the limited exercise were "unjustified exaggerations."

Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Ghali conferred today with a number of American ambassadors accredited in Cairo to explain Egypt's stance toward latest development in the region in light of Egypt's effort to solve the current Iraqi-Kuwaiti dispute.

The Kuwaiti artists and theatre societies today declared support to content of the Kuwait memorandum to the Arab League concerning an end to all pending differences between Kuwait and Iraq.

## Currency Rates

THE Central Bank of Kuwait currency rates against the Kuwaiti dinar	
Currency	Buying
US dollar	289.47
Sterling	523.69
Deutsche mark	178.19
Swiss franc	209.38
French franc	053.13
Italian lire	0002344
Japanese yen	001943
Bahraini dinar	767.82
Qatari riyal	079.49
Saudi riyal	077.17
Omani riyal	751.67
UAE dirham	078.80
	Selling
	290.65
	525.07
	179.01
	210.37
	053.36
	0002446
	0019512
	771.08
	079.88
	077.50
	755.16
	079.14

Asian currency exchange rates against Kuwaiti dinar:	
Currency	KD
Indian Ru (1,000)	16.600
Pak. Rs	One kg. 999
Si Lankan Ru	7.260
Singapore dollar	160.00
Hong Kong dollar	37.40
Bangladesh taka	9.678
Philippine peso	12.620
	GOLD PRICES
One kg. 999	3,455.000
One kg. 995	3,445.000
22 kt. per gm.	3,550
21 kt. per gm.	3,500
18 kt. per gm.	3,350
10 tol gold	404.000
One ounce gold	112.000

Courtesy: Abd Alaziz & Ali Al Yousif Al Muzaini Co.

■ The dollar coded European dealings Wednesday lower, although the US currency posted gains against a weakened British pound and a nervous yen.

Gold rose in Europe, helped by a weaker US dollar and industrial demand.

In Tokyo, the dollar fell to a closing 149.13 Japanese yen from 148.70 yen at Tuesday's close. Later, in London, it rose to 148.75 yen.

In London, the British pound fell to \$1.8125 from \$1.8250 late Tuesday.

Other late dollar rates in Europe, compared with late Tuesday.

■ 1.6170 West German marks, down from 1.6185

■ 1.3715 Swiss francs, down from 1.3750

■ 5.4185 French francs, down from 5.4275

■ 1.8215 Dutch guilders, down from 1.8230

■ 1.1518 Canadian dollars, down from 1.1557

Gold rose in London to a late bid price of \$373.25 a troy ounce, up from \$368.25, bid late Tuesday.

In Zurich, gold rose to a closing bid of \$372.50, up from \$368.35 bid late Tuesday.

**Copter crash:** Six men were missing and presumed dead after a helicopter carrying 13 oil workers crashed in the North Sea on Wednesday. Aberdeen coastguards said.

The \$61 helicopter was heading for an offshore terminal serving Shell Expro's Brent oilfield when it plunged into the water 115 miles northeast of the Shetland Islands.

British International Helicopters said seven men had been rescued. Helicopters and three ships, one equipped with diving gear, were searching for the six others but there was no sign of them more than five hours after the crash. (Reuters)

**Concession:** President Kenneth Kaunda made a major concession to his opponents on Wednesday, announcing the release by the end of August of all prisoners accused of plotting to overthrow him.

Those unconditionally pardoned include a signals lieutenant arrested after taking over the state radio station on June 30 to proclaim an army takeover, and the reputed leaders of two other coup attempts.

The exact number of prisoners to be released was not announced.

They include attorney Edward Shamwana and several associates accused of planning Kaunda's ouster. They have been in jail since 1980. (AP)

**Monster cockroach:** A cockroach from remote Fomote Island, measuring in at 5.1 cm (two inches), beat 343 contenders on Wednesday to be named Japan's largest roach.

The shiny brown specimen, of the Rhabdoblatta Guttigera variety, won 100,000 yen (\$580) in prize money and the right to compete in an international contest this year in New York, organisers of the cockroach awards ceremony in Tokyo said.

"There is a good chance that our roach may be the winner there," said a contest official. (Reuters)

**Americans abroad:** The State Department unveiled an "Americans abroad" brochure on Tuesday dealing with topics such as dealing with terrorism, crime and legal aid overseas.

The ugly faces of crime and terrorism have not disappeared," said Sheldon J. Krys, assistant secretary of state for diplomatic security.

Under the heading "What to do if there is an incident," the brochure's suggestions for dealing with terrorism include: "Do not engage in political discussions," "make any requests you have in short, simple sentences," and "do not try to be a hero." (AP)

**Deeply shocked:** Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said on Tuesday he was "deeply shocked" to learn of the passing away of Pakistani Ambassador Nasim Ahmed.

The secretary-general's words were contained in a letter of condolences to the ambassador's widow, Begum Ahmed.

The news, Perez de Cuellar said, was received with great sadness at the UN where the ambassador was held in "very high personal and professional esteem" ever since his arrival here last year. (Kuna)

**Reinforcements:** Reinforcements were deployed near Marjayoun, eight km (five miles) north of Israel, and in the village of Kfar Houneh overlooking the Iqlim Al Toufah area where battles between Amal and Hezbollah forces have killed 144 people and wounded 439.

The pro-Iranian Hezbollah and Syrian-backed Amal, vying for leadership of Lebanon's 1.3 million Shiites, fought with machine-guns, mortars and rockets today around the village of Jarjoun, the sources said.

The Hezbollah forces repulsed the assault in a battle that killed 23 people and wounded 60.

At least five combatants were killed and 12 wounded.

**Israel beefs up forces in south Lebanon as rival Shiite militias battle on**

SIDON, July 25. (Reuters): Israel has reinforced its self-declared security zone in south Lebanon where Shiite Muslim militias are fighting a 10-day old war, security sources said today.

They said a column of about 30 Israeli military vehicles, including Merkava tanks and US-made M-113 armoured personnel carriers crossed into Lebanese territory late yesterday and took up positions in the security zone.

Israeli troops also brought 155 mm and 175 mm artillery batteries into the area, the sources said.

Police said no fresh attacks were mounted by the Syrian-backed Amal militia to recapture Jarjoun. Jarjoun was the scene of ferocious hand-to-hand battles yesterday when Amal militiamen and their leftist Lebanese allies launched a large-scale offensive to oust Hezbollah militiamen who captured the village from Amal on July 16.

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Israeli gunners and the SLA have been pounding Amal, Hezbollah and Palestinian positions in the region for more than a week.

Israel occupied the 15-km (nine-mile) deep security zone

in Lebanon in 1985 what it said was a measure to prevent attacks against its northern settlements. The trip is patrolled by 1,000 Israeli troops and some 1,500 Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army (SLA) militia.

About 600 fighters loyal to Yasser Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organisation were sent into Iqlim Al Toufah last week in a bid to quell the violence.

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Surprise choice

Bishop George Carey holds his two

grandchildren, after being named as

next archbishop of Canterbury

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# India's most wanted man haunts forbidding jungles

GOPINATHAM, India, July 25. (AP): He haunts the forbidding jungles of south India with his band of thieves, slaughtering elephants for their ivory and smuggling tons of fragrant sandalwood. Police want him for the murders of 20 policemen and forest officers.

Residents in this poor village of iron-red earth worship him as a Robin Hood and priest. He's built them temples, stocked a reservoir with fish and attends wedding ceremonies incognito, presenting newlyweds with gifts. He appears to have friends in high places and once escaped police custody reportedly by paying a \$17,000 bribe.

His only name is Veerappan. He's India's most wanted man.

In April, after the killings of four police officers, two southern states of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu formed a task force of more than 800 officers to catch him. The manhunt, Operation Snap, is the biggest in India's 43 years as an independent country.

The investigation in Karnataka is led by K. U. Shetty, a 51-year-old inspector-general of police with a regal bearing and a shock of white hair. Shetty uses two helicopters, night vision devices, jeeps, automatic weapons and high-tech communications equipment. They recently took over Veerappan's home town of Gopinatham, turning the local elementary school into their headquarters.

In Tamil Nadu, superintendent of police

Krishnaswami Gopalakrishnan wants Veerappan dead. Gopalakrishnan, a 36-year-old former karate instructor with a penchant for gold chains, has formed a band of 14 highly-trained men — dubbed "The liquidators" — for the task.

"I don't need all that fancy stuff like helicopters," he said in an interview several days after emerging from a three-week hunt in the jungle. "We're just going to blow him away."

Gopalakrishnan's men recently gave him a brass statue of Sir Lancelot, the legendary British knight, "to motivate me to slay the dragon," he said with a loud laugh.

So far Veerappan remains on the run in the

forests, often sleeping in two places during the night.

The 38-year-old outlaw, known for his thick black moustache and protruding Adam's apple, had a jungle wedding in January to his pregnant teen-age fiancee. The girl, a shepherd's daughter, gave birth to a son in June and police say she was walking a day later.

Soon afterwards, Veerappan allegedly killed again in his home town, Gopinatham. While more than 250 officers slept in barracks 50 feet away, someone crept into the house of an alleged police informant at 3:15 am and shot him as he slept.

Police call Veerappan a one-man ecological

disaster. In his two decades in the jungle, they say he has killed 500 elephants for their tusks and smuggled out thousands of tons of sandalwood, which is used for oils, soap and furniture. It is sent mostly to the Middle East.

The main problem in catching Veerappan is that few villagers are willing to help, police say.

When they do, horrible things happen.

In January 1989, Veerappan invited five men whom he suspected were police informers to a village feast. As they washed their hands before the meal, police say Veerappan stood behind them with an elephant gun and fired. His men later chopped the bodies into

pieces and floated them down the nearby Cauvery River in gunny sacks.

"I will say nothing about Veerappan except that he's a good man and pays well," said Kumar Gounder, an elderly villager in Gopinatham who cuts sandalwood for the fugitive. "When my child was sick he gave me medicine."

Numerous news reports say Veerappan and his smuggling ring are linked to officials in Karnataka state who profit from his schemes. In March, the respected Times of India reported that Veerappan sent state police officers a letter, agreeing to turn himself in if two state assemblies were arrested.



Karyn Smith in police car

A British photographer takes pictures of Karyn Smith sitting in a police car (left) on arrival at Bangkok's criminal court and Eric Smith (picture right), father of Karyn, talks to his daughter through gates in a datamion cell in Bangkok after

she was arrested on suspicion of heroin smuggling charges last week. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Sri Lankan troops capture towns

COLOMBO, July 25. (AP): Government troops captured two towns outside the Jaffna peninsula and opened a major road into the Tamil rebel stronghold, military officials said today.

At least 96 rebels and 13 soldiers were killed in the three-day operation that led to the control of Paranthan and Kilinochchi by dusk yesterday, said the officials. Forty-seven militants were killed in Kilinochchi, they said.

Kilinochchi, 5 kilometers (3 miles) south of Paranthan, is linked by a national highway to the town of Jaffna, headquarters of the rebel Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam.

Government paratroopers took Paranthan on Monday after fierce fighting. The troops then moved to Kilinochchi, establishing control of the highway, said the officials, who cannot be identified under briefing rules.

The government troops also control the highway north of Paranthan up to the town of Elephant pass, located just inside the peninsula.

"Having secured Paranthan, troops established a link between Kilinochchi, Paranthan and Ele-

phant Pass," said a senior military official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Elephant Pass is 50 kilometers (30 miles) south of Jaffna and 300 kilometers (185 miles) north of Colombo.

The town is at the northern end of the Elephant Pass causeway across the Jaffna lagoon, which bisects the mainland with the peninsula.

The rebels blew up the causeway last week in an effort to intensify their stronghold on the peninsula, but military officials said it was repaired over the weekend.

On Tuesday, the militants raided a small Sinhalese colony in the northeastern district of Polonnaruwa and killed eight Sinhalese as they slept, military officials said.

The victims, four men, two women and two children, were hacked and shot, they said.

Also yesterday, the rebels raided a mosque and killed two Muslims in the eastern town of Samanthurai, accusing them of being military informers, the officials.

Tamil militants have been fighting for an

independent homeland since 1983, saying they are victims of discrimination in jobs and education by the majority Sinhalese.

Tamil people make up 18 percent of Sri Lanka's 16 million people. The Sinhalese, who control the government and the military, comprise 75 percent.

According to a press release issued by the Sri Lankan embassy in Kuwait, the European Economic community passed the following resolution.

"The twelve wish to express their deep concern at the current deterioration of the situation in Sri Lanka. They deplore the refusal of the LTTE to continue negotiations and its decision to renew fighting in the north and east of the country which both causes great suffering among the civilian population and leads thousands of people to seek refuge in other areas."

In conformity with President Premadasa's

appeal for consultation, compromise and consensus, they hope that a peaceful solution will be found to the domestic problems of the island with the object of safeguarding the independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity and unity of Sri Lanka."

MOSCOW, July 25. (Reuter): India won strong Kremlin support on Tuesday for its bloody struggle with Muslim secessionists in Kashmir.

The Soviet news agency Tass said President Mikhail Gorbachev expressed "complete understanding and support" to visiting Prime Minister Vishwanath Pratap Singh over the north Indian state, where more than 900 people have been killed in the past few months.

Singh countered with backing for Gorbachev's struggle to hold his own multi-racial state together in against secessionists in many of its 15 republics.

A new large-scale economic treaty will be negotiated and signed during Gorbachev's next visit to India. He has already made two visits since coming to power in 1985.

The Indian officials said both Gorbachev and Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov had told Singh they agreed that Jammu and Kashmir was an integral part of India. They had also complained to Pakistan and its close ally the United States over alleged Pakistani interference in the Himalayan state.

The Islamabad government, while strongly supporting Kashmiri self-determination, has repeatedly denied interfering but the issue had stoked fears of a fourth Indo-Pakistani war.

Militants in Kashmir, India's only Muslim-majority state, want a referendum on their future, with some seeking union with Islamic Pakistan and others demanding independence.

Gorbachev and Singh also agreed on Afghanistan where they are again at odds with Pakistan over their support for President Najibullah's government against US-backed rebels.

Singh flies to Tashkent in Soviet Central Asia today and visits the ancient cities of Samarkand and Bokhara before returning to New Delhi on Thursday.

The Kremlin has cited the visit as evidence of its continuing interest in its old friends in the Third World, despite its current preoccupation to open up to the West.

The Tass news agency described Singh's talks yesterday in the Kremlin with Gorbachev as the "centerpiece of (Singh's) second day" in the Soviet Union.

Gorbachev told reporters that Singh's visit was of "significant importance" and stressed that Indo-Soviet relations would continue progressing.

The two leaders' exchanges had tackled a wide-ranging agenda of bilateral and global questions, during which, Tass said, they hailed the international positive changes and East-West detente.

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Party officials blamed their defeat last November on "some inadequacies and shortcomings" but didn't dwell on the issue. Party members privately acknowledge that deep factionalism within the Congress had played a major part.

But Gandhi can delay addressing that problem because of the divisions within the government, analysts said.

Ten days ago, Singh and 13 members of his cabinet resigned amid a power struggle between the prime minister and his deputy, Dev Lal. The feud was resolved and the resignations were withdrawn, but underlying tensions remained.

Structural changes in the Congress Party have been thwarted or delayed by the crisis in the Janata Dal, said Ashis Nandy, a respected political analyst. "There is now a feeling in the Congress that they can romp home to power without internal reform."

He said that "a long tenure in opposition could have helped the Congress to sort out its problems."

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# Gunmen open fire on Jewish leader

Peru attackers include Palestinians

LIMA, July 25, (AP): Gunmen believed to be tied to Palestinian group shot and wounded a leader of Peru's Jewish community yesterday, officials said. Jacob Hasson, director of the Israeli Union in Peru, was struck with four bullets in the left hand and arm when gunmen opened fire on his car, according to Lima police chief Jacobo Mishkin. Hasson, 60, was treated at a nearby hospital for his wounds, which Mishkin described as not serious. Mishkin said Hasson's attackers were believed to include three suspected Palestinian commandos released from a Peruvian jail two months ago for lack of evidence.

The men, arrested earlier on suspicion of belonging to the Abu Nidal group, were Hocine Bouzidi, 36, of Algeria; Mohamed Abdel Rahman Abed, 19, of Egypt, and Ahmad Assad Mohamed, 19, of Lebanon.

The Israeli Embassy said the arrest of the three men had prevented attacks against diplomats in Peru.

Peruvian officials said at the time that the three men would probably be deported. Instead they were held for two years awaiting trial and then released.

Police gave the following account of yesterday's attack.

An automobile carrying three men and a woman cut off Hasson's car yesterday afternoon as he was driving on Avenida Javier Prado, a major avenue. The occupants opened fire on Hasson's car with revolvers and sub-machine-guns.

The car went out of control and smashed into a sidewalk fruit stand, slightly injuring the vendor and her 14-month-old girl. The gunmen escaped before police arrived.

Hasson has lived in Peru for 30 years and manages the Israeli Union, a Jewish community organization, which is located in a Lima Synagogue.

In 1988, police said that three men may have been planning attacks against Jewish, US and Israeli targets in Peru. They said documents were found showing the men kept the US Consulate, the Israeli embassy and the synagogue of Israel in Lima under surveillance.

## Ties

Police also suspected the three men may have tried to form ties with leftist guerrillas in Peru.

Peruvian officials said Interpol has accused Bouzidi of being a member of Abu Nidal's central committee and of being linked to planning more than 30 attacks in Europe and the Mideast since 1976.

Among the attacks linked to Nidal were the November 1985 hijacking of an Air Egypt jetliner, where 59 people were killed when Egyptian troops stormed the craft.

Fourteen people were killed and 120 wounded in the simultaneous Abu Nidal raids against El Al ticket counters in Rome and Vienna in December 1985.

Nearly 100 people have died in clashes between leftist guerrillas and security forces so far this week, police and news reports said.

Suspected Shining Path rebels assassinated a university official yesterday in the Andean city of Ayacucho.

Police said masked raiders burst into the home of Ciro Alberth Aramburu Villena, director of student welfare at the University of San Cristobal of Huamanga in the Andean city of Ayacucho, at 2 am and gunned him down as he tried to jump out of a second-floor window.

Aramburu Villena's daughter, 31-year-old Flora Aramburu Castañares, was shot and wounded in the right shoulder when she cried for help, police said.

## Agitation

The University of San Cristobal of Huamanga is considered a centre of agitation of the Shining Path guerrillas, who follow a Marxist line founded by the late Chinese revolutionary leader Mao Tse-Tung.

For the past week students have occupied the university's cafeteria, demanding free meals.

The legal adviser to the university, Hernando Colonia Arteaga, was killed in a similar pre-dawn raid by suspected Shining Path guerrillas four days ago.

The founder of the Shining Path movement, Abimael Guzman Reynoso, is a former philosophy professor at the university.

## Lafontant arrest warrant upheld

PORTE-AU-PORT, July 25, (Reuters): Haitian judicial authorities disclosed yesterday that they had upheld an arrest warrant issued for a former Duvalier interior minister whose homecoming provoked a recent political crisis.

Outside the Palace of Justice, more than 50 pro-democracy demonstrators clashed in a rock-throwing contest with supporters of the minister, Roger Lafontant.

Lafontant, who was minister under the Duvalier family dictatorship and reputed head of the feared paramilitary group Ton Ton Macoutes, returned to Haiti two weeks ago from self-imposed exile.

His return has stirred street violence, a general strike and concern that Haiti's planned November elections may be in jeopardy.



## Fujimori to be sworn in Saturday

Inherits nation in chaos

LIMA, July 25, (AP): President-elect Alberto Fujimori on Saturday inherits a nation that is bankrupt and ravaged by drought and war. How he will cope remains a mystery.

Fujimori's team of advisors has been wracked by dissension and defection. Only days before the July 28 inauguration Fujimori is still scrambling to put together both a government and a plan with which to govern.

Fujimori's "good intention of selecting the best from each party may end in disaster, because the best may not want to join a government without well-defined aims," the magazine *Caretas* wrote.

The problems Fujimori's government will face are immense.

The economy is in a state of collapse. Inflation tops 3,000 per cent per year. Four of five people lack steady work. The Central Bank has no dollars and has sold almost all its gold. Bread is rationed. Provincial gas stations are dry.

Guerrilla violence is at an all-time high. Maoist Shining Path rebels control much of Peru's Andean mountains and Amazonian jungle. The pro-Cuban Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement recently staged a spectacular breakout from Lima's maximum-security prison.

The worst drought to hit Peru this century has devastated crops and drastically cut Lima's water supply. Hydroelectric plants run at half capacity. The daily blackouts have paralyzed industry.

The body of Argentine writer Manuel Puig lies in state on July 22 with some of his work over the casket, while his mother Maria Eugenia de Puig (right) talks with a friend in the background. Puig, 57, author of the novel that became the widely-acclaimed movie *The Kiss of the Spider Woman*, died after an operation on July 22. (Reuters wirephoto)



Puig lies in state

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# US, Colombia sign drug agreement

Agree to share any money, property seized from traffickers

BOGOTA, July 25, (AP): The United States agreed yesterday to share with Colombia any money and property it seizes from drug traffickers.

Representatives from the two countries signed an agreement in Bogota in which the United States will share drug wealth that was seized with co-operation from Colombian authorities.

At a ceremony in Bogota, US Ambassador to Colombia Thomas MacNamara

and Colombian Justice Minister Roberto Salazar signed the document, calling it a step toward greater co-operation in fighting the drug war.

MacNamara said the agreement was a result of a regional anti-drug summit last February in Cartagena, Colombia.

At that meeting, US President George Bush met with the leaders of Colombia, Bolivia and Peru, the biggest cocaine-producing countries, to develop a strategy

to fight drugs.

This agreement represents another step forward in the co-operation began at the Cartagena summit, the ambassador told reporters after the signing.

He added that the United States, in consultation with Colombian authorities, will decide how much of seized drug assets it will share, which will depend on the degree of Colombian co-operation during a seizure.

The agreement does not require Colombia to share drug assets it seizes using US help.

In the past Colombians have criticised the United States for saying it wants to help the country fight its drug war, but not actually doing so.

Some Colombian officials have said the United States is discriminating against Colombia's legal exports, such as coffee and flowers.

## Cuba blames US for incidents

HAVANA, July 25, (AP): A senior Cuban official said yesterday that Cubans who have sought asylum in foreign embassies the past two weeks were forced to do so by exile radio stations in Miami.

The Vice Foreign Minister, Jose Viera, called for the "unconditional and voluntary" departure of the 25 Cubans now being sheltered at three European embassies.

On Sunday, three Cubans entered the Swiss Embassy. Earlier, 18 had sought refuge at the Spanish Embassy and four at the Italian Embassy.

Viera said it is "not admissible" for a Cuban desiring to emigrate to circumvent normal procedures by forcing his way into a foreign embassy.

If Cuba acquiesced in this practice, "the embassies in Cuba would not be able to function," he said.

It could result in embassies throughout the developing world being overrun by people wishing to emigrate.

At several points during his hour-long appearance, Viera blamed exile radio stations in Miami for inciting the incidents at the embassies. The first incident occurred at the Czechoslovak Embassy on July 9.

Cuban reports said at least three of the exile radio stations can often be heard clearly in Havana but the Cuban reporters were unable to substantiate Viera's claims that they have been encouraging Cubans to seek refuge.

The reporters said one of the stations is operated by the Cuban-American National Foundation. Another is run by a group called Cuban Independent and Democratic, they said.

Viera sought to portray the incidents at the embassies as representative of the overall situation here.

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Spain said yesterday Cuba could only patch its relations with Madrid if it grants free passage to 18 Cuban asylum-seekers sheltering in the Spanish embassy in Havana.

Spanish Foreign Minister Francisco Fernandez Ordóñez said Spain wanted to end the question of the asylum-seekers, which has sparked a diplomatic row between the two nations, through dialogue. (Reuters)

The reservation, home to 6,000, has been closed by police

## Doe entrenched for last stand

Determined to destroy Monrovia before he dies

ABIDJAN, July 25, (Reuters): Liberian President Samuel Doe, entrenched for a bloody last stand against rebels closing in on his seaside mansion, seems determined to leave little of Monrovia intact for his rebel successors.

Doe, desperately clinging to power, was holed up in his heavily fortified residence in the capital with a few hundred troops and stockpiles of ammunition as rebel forces pushed into the centre of the city.

A rebel gunboat fired on the mansion before dawn yesterday before



Liberian doctor Ober Kpoko (right) and his Belgian colleague Johan Herlinck of Medecin Sans Frontier, give an emergency treatment at St. Joseph's Hospital to an 11-year-old girl. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Mohawks may face charges

Plot to murder, illegal arms possession

OKA, Quebec, July 25, (AP): Mohawks locked in an armed impasse over a plot of land are running low on food and could face criminal charges.

Police have opened several hundred criminal investigations which could lead to charges from Quebec's justice minister against the Mohawks, provincial police Const. Andre Blanchette confirmed yesterday.

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Also yesterday, the Quebec human rights commission called on the police to respect the provincial charter of rights and to allow the free movement of people, food and medicine into the reservation.

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Spokesman Jacques Lachapelle told a Montreal news conference the commission is considering suing the police for blocking the flow of food into the

and Indian blockade since July 11, when police stormed the Mohawk barricade.

The police raid brought to a head a four-month barricade by the Mohawks, who want to stop a municipal golf course from expanding onto land in Oka they claim is ancestral Mohawk territory.

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## Black American sues Kenyan official

NAIROBI, July 25, (UPI): A black American yesterday filed suit against a Kenyan government minister, Peter Okonda, for referring to blacks in the United States as "negroes."

Shake Zulu Assegai, a US citizen who has abandoned his real name and refuses to disclose it, filed the suit in the Nairobi High Court two days after Okonda, minister for labour, attacked a tribal police force that maintained peace on the *Regis Indian* reservation, but the state's top law enforcement officer said such an agency is the best option for ending the turmoil there.

State police superintendent Thomas Constantine made his remarks yesterday to a legislative panel conducting a day-long hearing into the problems at the Mohawk Reservation in northern New York.

Two other people died of exposure in Curitiba, 250 miles (400 kilometres) southwest of Sao Paulo, officials said.

The cold wave brought snow and frost to the far southern states of Rio Grande do Sul and Santa Catarina. Television networks showed rare scenes of kids having snowball fights and building snowmen. (AP)

Mexican bus crash, 19 dead: Nineteen people were killed and 15 injured when a passenger bus collided with a truck and careened down a mountainside Tuesday near On Zaha, Mexico.

Red Cross spokeswoman Isabel Cervantes said in a telephone interview the crash occurred Tuesday morning on a curve near the town of Ciudad Mendoza, 31 kilometers (19 miles) southeast of here. (AP)

## Missiles recovered: Sandinista police recovered ten heat-seeking surface-to-air Red Eye missiles from former US-backed rebels, an official said Tuesday.

The seizure indicated guerrillas kept some weapons when they demobilized.

Interior Minister Carlos Hurtado, in charge of police and security forces, also said two armed men captured Saturday morning were members of the Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front, the Salvadoran guerrilla group.

He said the men would be turned over to a third country but did not elaborate. (AP)

Salvador in a fix: Salvadoran authorities arrested their heads on Tuesday over what country to do with 50 Chinese citizens who entered the country illegally at the beginning of July.

"We don't know what to do with them," a Foreign Ministry spokesman told Reuters after neighbouring Nicaragua refused to accept the Chinese as deportees.

Nicaragua was the last port of call for the illegal immigrants before reaching Salvador. (Reuters)

## Booze run kills 15: Illicit, home-distilled rum has killed at least seven people in southern Brazil.

Police said five beggars froze to death in Sao Paulo, Brazil's biggest city, since the cold wave began Saturday.

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250 miles (400 kilometres) southwest of Sao Paulo, officials said.

## Article on royals banned in Britain

LONDON, July 25, (AP): Lawyers for Queen Elizabeth II have won a court injunction forcing the French magazine Paris Match to remove an eye-catching article about the royal household from all copies sold in Britain.

The 8,000 copies of the weekly photo, news and gossip magazine that appeared on British newsstands yesterday had a sticker in place of the eight-page article. It said: "For legal reasons pages have been removed."

Christian Lafaix, a Paris Match executive, said the decision to tear the eight pages out of each of the 8,000 copies was taken by the magazine's British importer. The French edition remains unchanged.

The eight pages contained photographs and extracts from a book by a former Buckingham Palace employee, Malcolm Barker. He was employed from 1980 to 1983 as a lowly storeman-clerk to the master of the royal household.

Barker now lives in Halifax, Nova Scotia. His book, "Court Disaster," is on sale in Canada and the United States.

The book makes disclosures which the Queen's lawyers claim breach an undertaking of confidentiality signed by Barker when he joined the palace staff.

Royal staff are routinely required to sign an agreement not to reveal details of what they see and hear while in royal service.

Angered by behind-the-scenes revelations by former employees, the palace in recent years has increasingly reverted to legal action to try to suppress spicy memoirs.

The court injunction was served yesterday by Farmer and Co., the Queen's London law firm, on another London law firm acting for Barker and the book's Canadian publishers, Fleetwood Publications. Fleetwood is based in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

BD Publications, a company which handles public relations for Fleetwood, said the injunction prevents publication in Britain of the book, or excerpts from the book, in any form.

BD Publications added in a statement: "Malcolm Barker ... cannot understand the need for blatant censorship of his rollicking revelations. Nor can the 8,000-strong expatriate French subscribers to Paris Match in the United Kingdom."

Buckingham Palace said in a brief statement last night: "The matter is in the hands of lawyers. ... Barker signed an undertaking of confidentiality which has been breached."

The London newspaper the Daily Telegraph said today the eight pages removed from Paris Match in Britain included a picture of the Queen in bed wearing a bedsheet and a picture purporting to show her divorced sister Princess Margaret in a swim suit on a beach with former close friend, Roddy Llewellyn, naked.

The paper reported: "The book, co-written by T.C. Sobe, a Canadian, and the article paint a picture of the household staff as a wash with drink and reveling in illicit sexual encounters."

## Call to avoid 'litmus test' on Souter

PHILADELPHIA, July 25, (AP): President George Bush, saying Supreme Court justices should be kept above the "flame of political passion," yesterday urged the Senate to avoid allowing a shortening of any issue to dominate questioning on the nomination of David Souter to the US High Court.

Bush on Monday nominated Souter, 50, a little-known conservative judge recently named to the federal appeals court, to replace Justice William Brennan, a staunch liberal who has influenced court rulings for 34 years. The 84-year-old Brennan, who recently suffered a minor stroke, resigned last Friday.

The nomination of his replacement has refuted passions on the abortion issue, with advocates and opponents believing the addition of a conservative may lead to the reversal of earlier court rulings that allowed citizens, not the state, to decide whether to undergo the procedure.

Bush, who has insisted his opposition to abortion played no role in the selection of Souter, urged the Senate to avoid letting a single issue dominate his confirmation proceedings.

"In my nomination...there was no single issue, no litmus test or standard down which my decision to nominate," Bush said in remarks to a Pennsylvania Republican fund-raising luncheon.

"My sole priority was to appoint a justice true to the life and the spirit of the Constitution," Bush said. "A priority that I am confident will also guide the Congress in the confirmation process."

# British royals put on fixed income to year 2000

## Monarchy to be more businesslike; to be given raises 7.5 pc a year

LONDON, July 25, (Reuters): Britain's royal family has been put on a fixed income until the year 2,000 and the government says it will give Queen Elizabeth and her close relatives pay rises averaging 7.5 per cent a year.

The Queen, already the world's richest woman, will receive 7.9 million pounds sterling (\$14.41 million) a year when the new system starts next on January 1.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher told parliament yesterday the fixed salary would replace the annual upratis-

ings in the spring budget.

Buckingham Palace said the Queen had appointed a leading accountant to help run her household more like a business.

Michael Peat will be the royal household's director of finance and property services, overseeing the management of Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle, St James's Palace and Kensington Palace.

This year, the Queen received 5.09 million pounds (\$9.28 million) from civil list, which pays the working expen-

ses and staff salaries of the monarchy. The average paid to other members of the royal family has been calculated on the same basis. From next year, the Queen Mother will get 640,000 pounds (\$1.7 million), Prince Philip 360,000 (\$656,000), The Duke of York 250,000 (\$450,000), Prince Edward 100,000 (\$182,000), the Princess Royal 230,000 (\$420,000), Prince Margaret 220,000 (\$400,000) and Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester 90,000 (164,000).

The Prince of Wales, heir to the throne, does not figure on the list because he draws his income from his personal estate, the Duchy of Cornwall.

Thatcher said in announcing the move that the royal family "are a focus of patriotism, loyalty, affection and esteem. It is a rare combination and we should value it."

But it was attacked by some opposition Labour Party politicians.

"Why should the taxpayer be handing out large sums of money to the Queen and all the hangers-on at the palace?" asked Denis Skinner, a

Labour Member of Parliament.

Tony Benn, another Labour MP, told Thatcher there were "many people who believe the sums paid to the royal family far exceed the services rendered."

But Thatcher retorted: "The overwhelming majority of people in this nation are agreed that the royal family is the greatest asset the UK has."

The civil list was started under King George III, who was a notoriously profligate spender and found it difficult to manage his income. He handed the

entire sum over to the Treasury, which then set him an annual income that would allow him to live in the manner befitting a monarch.

The Queen yearly pays the government about 50 million pounds (\$90 million) derived from her numerous land holdings across Britain.

Prince Charles and Princess Diana are not on the civil list because he has chosen to live off his income from the Duchy of Cornwall. Experts believe he will abandon the civil list when he assumes the throne.



Christian Brando (left) turns to defence attorney Robert Shapiro for a conference during preliminary hearing proceedings on Tuesday. Brando, 32-year-old son of actor Marlon Brando, is charged with murder in the shooting death of Dag Drollet, boyfriend of his half-sister Cheyenne. (Reuters wirephoto)



Marlon Brando turns away from court proceedings during Tuesday's preliminary hearing for his son, Christian (right) who is accused in the shooting death of his half-sister Cheyenne's boyfriend. (Reuters wirephoto)

## \$10m bail set for Brando son

### Sum believed to be highest in California history

LOS ANGELES, July 25, (Reuters): A judge yesterday set bail at \$10 million for actor Marlon Brando's son, Christian, said to be accused of murdering his half-sister's boyfriend.

Marlon Brando sat emotionless as Los Angeles Criminal Court Judge Larry Fidler announced the sum, believed to be the highest in California history.

Court sources said Brando would be able to raise the money and Christian was expected to be freed later yesterday.

"He'll be home in time for supper," said one source, who asked not to be named.

Christian was also ordered to surrender his passport.

Defence attorney Robert Shapiro said Brando would put up his \$5 million Hollywood mansion as collateral for half the bail.

The mansion where Marlon Brando has lived for 33 years was the scene of the fatal May 16 shooting.

Fidler said at the end of the preliminary two-day hearing that there was enough evidence against Christian Brando to justify his trial for murder.

No date was set for the trial.

Before the judge's pronouncement, Marlon

Brando had smiled encouragingly at Christian Brando while Miko Brando, the defendant's half-brother, gave him the thumbs-up sign.

Christian, 32, is charged with the murder of Dag Drollet, Cheyenne Brando's Tahitian boyfriend.

Christian has admitted shooting Drollet, but said it was an accident.

In a voluntary statement made to a police officer, and read to the court yesterday by a prosecutor, Christian said after the shooting he went up to his father and told him, "Pop, I just shot Doug (Dag)."

## Thatcher refuses to draw in film debate

LONDON, July 25, (AP): British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher yesterday refused to intervene in the dispute over banning a film that portrays the death of author Salman Rushdie.

The independent British Board of Film Classification has banned the Pakistani film, "International Guerrillas," on the ground that it is criminally libelous of Rushdie.

British Muslim groups have denounced the ban on the film and accused the board of hypocrisy because Rushdie's book, "The Satanic Verses," which they say blasphemes Islam, was not banned.

"The board is an entirely independent body," Thatcher said. "If the distributor of the recording wish to appeal against the decision of the board, they make application to the video appeals committee in the usual way."

The prime minister was responding in the House of Commons to an opposition lawmaker who accused her of "double standards."

Jewish groups in Britain also complained about anti-Semitic references in the work.

Rushdie, born to a Muslim family in India and now a British citizen, has been in hiding since February 1989 when the late Ayatollah Khomeini of Iran called for Rushdie's death for writing the book.

The author said through his defense committee on Monday that he would not take a libel action against the film and supports the right of the film to be shown.

The Penjali-Urdu film's distributor, Mohammed Fayyaz, launched an appeal to the video appeals committee on Monday.

## Aids doctor didn't infect patients

CHICAGO, July 25, (AP): Patients face a minimal risk of contracting the Aids virus from surgeons with the disease, according to a study which found that a doctor who operated on thousands of people apparently infected none of them.

The study was sponsored by the three Chicago, Tennessee, hospitals where Dr. Harold Denison worked before his Aids-related death in January 1989. The study identified 2,160 patients Denison had operated on since 1982.

Only one patient, an intravenous drug user who frequented prostitutes, tested positive for the Aids virus, the authors reported in today's edition of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

The authors concluded that the patient had contracted Aids through his own high-risk activities rather than through surgical contact with Denison, who had removed a lymph node from the patient in 1984.

Ran up \$20,000 phone bill: Inmates at a county jail in central Florida can run up a \$20,000 telephone bill by dialing up numbers offering sexually explicit conversations, a jail official said on Tuesday.

The prisoners must get permission from pay telephone companies to block such long-distance calls, said jail administrator Gary Borders.

Jimmy Basye, vice-president of the company that installed the telephone system, said he was investigating the matter and would likely seek criminal charges against the inmates involved.

It was unclear who would pay the cost of the calls, some of which ran \$25 a minute. (Reuters)

Alaska forest on fire: Smoke blotted out views of Mount McKinley and rangers in the park where North America's highest mountain is located warned hikers on Tuesday to avoid strenuous activity because of fighting fires on the unusually dry parkland.

Five fires in the park burned 50,000 acres (23,000 hectares) of land, part of the total of 121 fires blazing across 1.26 million acres (3.1 million hectares) of Alaskan territory.

fires burned from the Canadian border on the east to the Bering Sea on Alaska's west coast and as far north as the Brooks Range and the Arctic Circle, officials from the Alaska Interagency Fire Information Center said. (Reuters)



## Ariane launch

Europe's space project rocketed off (above) to a successful comeback from a disastrous flight five months ago as it lifted two French and German television satellites into orbit on Tuesday.

The launch, from the Ariane space center in French Guiana, south America, put Ariane back on track as the premier carrier of commercial payloads into space.

Ariane launches had been suspended since a similar rocket carrying two Japanese communications satellites exploded shortly after takeoff on Feb. 22, destroying both satellites.

Flight 37 took off at 7:25 pm (2225 GMT) and successfully deployed the five-channel TDF2 French television satellite and 11-channel West German DFS Kometnikus 2 to geostationary orbit in less than 25 minutes.

## Salad planned

## Space tomatoes to turn red soon

ELMHURST, Illinois, July 25, (UPI): All that talk about cosmic rays doesn't frighten Elmhurst College professor and space tomato cultivator Frank Mittermeyer.

Mittermeyer said Monday the tomato seeds he received from NASA — seeds that spent six years in space on the Long Duration Exposure Facility satellite — are bearing fruit.

And when he's done studying the plants, he plans to make a salad.

"They're looking great," the biologist said. "Some are close to being red. It will be a matter of days. They're coming in very quickly."

Mittermeyer discounted early speculation the seeds could produce poison fruit.

"That original story was incorrect," Mittermeyer said. "NASA has confirmed to me there isn't really a problem with radiation on these things."



## Patriarch cancels trip

The spiritual leader of the world's Eastern Orthodox Christians has scrapped a plan to visit Canada during his current US tour, orthodox leaders said Tuesday.

Dimitrios I had been scheduled to cross the Niagara river into Canada briefly on Wednesday, but instead will greet Canadian Orthodox faithful on the US side of the river at Niagara Falls.

More than 1,000 Canadian Orthodox are expected to come by bus from as far away as Montreal to greet the patriarch, who will conduct services in Buffalo and Niagara Falls during his five-hour visit to the area.

An early itinerary for the trip called for Dimitrios I to walk across the peace bridge from Buffalo to Fort Erie, Ontario, for a meeting with Canadian orthodox leaders and to view Niagara Falls from the Canadian side.

## Atlas launch on Wednesday

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, July 25, (AP): NASA and rocket builder General Dynamics said they would try again Wednesday to launch an unmanned Atlas carrying a US government scientific satellite.

Liftoff was scheduled for 1921 GMT (3:21 pm) from Cape Canaveral air force station.

Workers yesterday replaced a bad switch, which was designed to switch the rocket from external electrical power to its own batteries.



# 'Disband within 15 days'

Gorbachev threatens to use military against outlaw groups

MOSCOW, July 25, (AP): President Mikhail Gorbachev issued a decree today giving armed outlaw groups 15 days to turn in their weapons and disband, or else he'll use military force against them, Tass reported.

"Armed units not envisaged under Soviet legislation, are illegal and to be disbanded with 15 days," the decree said. "Weapons, ammunition, explosive substances, military hardware and other types of munitions are to be surrendered to representatives of the USSR Interior Ministry within the same period of time."

Tass, the official Soviet news agency, said the decree was issued in response to armed groups being formed in regions of the country beset

by ethnic violence during the last two years. Tass did not specify which regions the decree referred to, but said last week that outlaw bands were on rampages in the republics of Armenia and Kirghizia.

Tass had said armed mobs attacked government installations and seized weapons from police stations in Armenia, where at least 200 people have died in two years of ethnic fighting. The violence has been directed against residents of the neighbouring republic of Azerbaijan.

In Kirghizia, where 212 people have died in ethnic unrest since June 4, Tass said last week that police had confiscated 26 firearms and detained 180 people.

## Murky wave of fear, death

SIDOMULIO, Indonesia, July 25, (Reuters): Death and beheadings continue in Indonesia's northemmost province of Aceh and fear of a murky group of rebels is driving outsiders to abandon the province in droves.

Thousands of Javanese peasants resettled in Aceh (pronounced Achay) have streamed out of the province, fleeing from unknown rebels who attack their villages and kill their leaders.

Sidomulio, a remote Javanese resettlement village in the heart of the danger zone on Sumatra's northeastern tip, is now a ghost town, the only sign of life a pack of hungry dogs.

Judging from the houses, most neatly padlocked but all first emptied of anything portable, their owners don't plan to come back in the foreseeable future.

**Scared**  
"Wouldn't you be scared if you were up here and they came and killed your village head in the dead of the night?" asked an intelligence official tracking two visiting foreign journalists.

Local people say transmigrants in Aceh, part of Jakarta's plan to resettle people from overcrowded Java, have become symbols of the central government, resented by many Acehnese.

"Look, they come here and get given land, a house, money for two years food and seed capital. We locals have to work the same land and what do we get? Nothing," said a young Acehnese.

"I feel badly for them," said a Javanese, the provincial capital of Banda Aceh. "They are poor people who were thrown out of Java like rubbish and now are being thrown out of here. They are being killed for symbolism."

**Ex-soldiers**

The few transmigrants that are left have no protection.

The government calls the rebels the GPK, or security disturbing movement. Many believe they are disgruntled ex-soldiers kicked out of the army for disciplinary offences. They have targeted police and the military most consistently.

"Police protection, are you kidding? They were the first to leave," said a local resident. "There isn't a guy in uniform who would dare to show his face up here now."

The military, whose heavy-handed tactics are said to have encouraged local support for the rebels, seem to be deliberately promoting the climate of fear.

Soldiers speed up the main highway in broad daylight, headlights glaring and semi-automatic guns pointing menacingly at a clutch of suspected rebels in their truck.

**Violence**  
"At roadblocks, if your papers are out of order they'll force you to eat them. You're supposed to keep your ID card in your front pocket. If you take it out of your pocket they'll think you have a gun and clobber you," said another local man.

At least 40 civilians and probably as many troops have died in the past four months, and over 60 people have been arrested.

People talk about the violence in hushed tones, and sometimes not at all. "We can't talk here; even the cups have eyes," said a customer.

Fear feeds the rumour mill. In the capital of neighbouring North Sumatra province, Medan, there are stories that rebels set fire to 80 shops in the Acehnese town of Langsa. Acehnese shopkeepers sitting in burnt-out market stalls in Langsa itself say an electrical fault in a bakery caused the fire.

**Foreigners**

Foreigners working at the massive government-run natural-gas plant, which provides Jakarta with foreign exchange and adds to local resentment of central government, are reluctant to travel by road.

"I wouldn't dream of driving up there," said a seismologist in Medan, 300 kms (180 miles) south of the Lhokseumawe gas plant where he works.



Kirghizia street

A soldier from Soviet Interior Ministry troops guard over a main street in Kirghizia as children play around. (Reuter wirephoto)

Former official Kalugin

## KGB probes

MOSCOW, July 25, (AP): The Soviet prosecutor has stepped up the government's get-tough policy toward a maverick former KGB counterintelligence chief by launching a criminal investigation against him.

The daily newspaper Izvestia said yesterday the prosecutor is investigating Oleg D. Kalugin under a law against divulging state secrets.

Kalugin, who worked as an operative in the United States from 1958 to 1970, in recent weeks has been waging a public relations campaign against the KGB. He has been speaking at demonstrations and in interviews with Western and Soviet reporters.

He has said the KGB still taps telephones, infiltrates Soviet life, including the Russian Orthodox Church and labour organisations, and engages in dirty tricks.

In a recent article, he said about 20 agents who have defected to the West in the past decade have caused the "total collapse" of many Soviet spy rings.

Izvestia did not indicate which of Kalugin's remarks constitute state secrets.

## Serbs rally

Pledge to follow Croatia

ZAGREB, July 25, (AP): About 50,000 Serbs rallied today in Croatia to demand autonomy within Yugoslavia's second-largest republic, the national Tanczug news agency reported.

The Serbs gathered in the western Croatian town of Srb to attend a ceremony proclaiming their "sovereignty and autonomy" within that republic, Tanczug said.

The declaration said that if Croatia decided to declare itself independent of Yugoslavia, the Serbian region within that republic would in turn secede from Croatia.

Yugoslavia is a patchwork of diverse ethnic groups bound together in a loose federation of six republics and two provinces. Yugoslavia's largest republic, Serbia, is still ruled by hard-line communists, while Croatia has achieved.

moved toward a democratic government.

The rally and proclamation by the Serbian minority living within Croatia coincided with a Croatian parliamentary session to revise the republic's constitution and erase the last vestiges of 45 years of communist rule.

Serbs in Croatia claim the changes will infringe on their national rights. Their proclamation called for creation of the Serbian minority's own assembly and formed a Serbian national council to act as the assembly's executive branch.

Croatian President Franjo Tudjman opened today's parliamentary session by calling on deputies to "safeguard the democratic changes" the state has achieved.

Palmos lays ghost of Viet ambush

Ridding the Devils

HONG KONG, July 25, (Reuters): In Saigon's Cholon district at breakfast time on May 5, 1968, Frank Palmos came as close to death as any man can and survived physically unscathed.

Against all the odds, the Australian managed to flee the scene of an ambush in which Viet Cong guerrillas shot dead four of his fellow journalists, including Reuter correspondents Bruce Piggott, as Australian, and Ron Laramy, a Briton.

The other two journalists in a small jeep, driving in Cholon to check reports of fighting in what became known as the Battle for Saigon, were Australians John Cantwell of Time magazine and Michael Birch of the Australian Associated Press.

For Palmos, then a 28-year-old freelance writer covering the Vietnam war, the nightmare did not end until January 15, 1988, when, after an extraordinary piece of detective work, he came face to face with the man who led the Viet Cong ambush team.

Palmos, who admits the years leading up to the 1988 confrontation left him emotionally scarred, has written of the ambush and his subsequent search for the leader of the squad that killed his friends in a newly published book, "Ridding the Devils."

His description of the moment he came face to face with Co Van Cuong, also known as Nguyen Van Cuong, the ambush leader, in a Ho Chi Minh City hotel 20 years after the event is gripping.

"Forcing myself to look at him, I felt an ancient adrenalin rush as if my body were saying 'You will have to deal with this man. There is no retreat,'" Palmos wrote.

Later, after an Australian television journalist filming the encounter had asked Cuong what it felt like to be sitting opposite a man he had tried to kill, Palmos said: "I had hunted down the quarry only to discover I was no hunter at all; there was no man to kill, but there was much that was left unsaid."

"I found myself less concerned with Van Cuong's culpability or otherwise than with the fact that we were unable, in these circumstances, to open our

hearts to each other ... far from wanting to hurt this man, I found myself wanting to make it easier for him to tell his story."

Palmos, who said he escaped by feigning death and then running for safety with a Viet Cong guerrilla chasing him for 75 yards (metres) and firing at him, says in his book that he established that Cuong, although leader of the squad, was not the man who planned the hit.

In his description of the trauma of the ambush, the years in between and his successful tracking down of the Viet Cong squad leader, Palmos said he finally has put to rest rumours that circulated in the months after the ambush, that he had jumped out of the jeep just before it turned into the square where it took place.

"As if it wasn't enough to have lived through the ambush itself," he says, "I had also to deal with a vicious story circulated in Australia that I had never been on the jeep in the first place.... The gossip was around as late as 1982 and it was still distressing."

"This too was something I would have to deal with if the catharsis was ever to be complete."

Palmos wrote that he had details of the last moments of the four journalists, details that only Cuong as the squad leader could have known.

In their dramatic confrontation, Cuong confirmed the details that Palmos had carried in his mind over the years, and he quotes the former Viet Cong squad leader:

"I didn't see the first part of the ambush... by the time I came out I saw there were two killed instantly, two wounded. One wounded man was starting to crawl to the side of the road."

Palmos himself wrote: "The wounded man he saw crawling was the driver, John Cantwell. I had certainly reported him dead, killed by the man who eventually chased me."

The book establishes that the guerrilla who chased Palmos was then killed by rockets fired by a US Cobra helicopter gunship flying over the area.



Rainer Ortob gives an interview in East Berlin. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Bulgaria fails to elect president

SOFIA, Bulgaria, July 25, (AP):

The deeply divided Parliament failed to elect a national president yesterday to replace socialist Petar Mladenov, who resigned July 6 in a row over asking for tanks to be used against demonstrators.

Two rounds of voting failed to produce the two-thirds majority needed in the 400-seat Parliament to elect one of the three candidates.

Contending were Chavdar Kyurakov of the governing Socialist Party, formerly the Communist Party, Petar Dertiev, leader of the Social Democrats and the candidate of the opposition Union of Democratic Forces, or UDF, and Viktor Valkov of the mainstream Agrarian Party, which formerly was a communist ally.

In the first round, Kyurakov got 217 of the 383 valid ballots cast, Dertiev got 130, and Valkov, 36.

A journalist for Bulgaria's official news agency Bta said that in the second round — with fewer valid ballots cast — Kyurakov got 211 votes, Dertiev, 131, and Valkov, 37.

A total of 267 votes are needed to win. The Socialists had 211 seats, the UDF, 144, and the Agrarians, 16. Also holding seats are six independents and 23 members of the Movement for Rights and Freedoms, which is mainly supported by members of Bulgaria's 1 million ethnic Turkish minority.

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■ An estimated 20,000 Ukrainians marched to Kiev Town Hall on Tuesday to raise the blue-and-yellow nationalist flag in the republic's capital for the first time in decades.

The crowd completely blocked the Kreshchatik, Kiev's main boulevard after the flag was brought from St Sophia's Cathedral where it was consecrated.

Pro-independence deputies from the Democratic bloc of the republic's parliament addressed the crowd to chants of "Independence" and "Down with Kravchuk."

■ Gorbachev told developing countries on Tuesday that aid from the Kremlin would be reviewed to take into account the "real capabilities of our country."

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It could be primarily meant for Cuba, one of the Soviet Union's biggest recipients of foreign aid, and could signal the end of the era when the Kremlin propped up the economies of its Marxist allies at the expense of its own.

■ The Finnish government rejected accused hijacker Oleg Kozlov's plea for asylum and ordered on Tuesday that he be extradited to the Soviet Union.

Finnish authorities said Soviet officials were expected to collect Kozlov in Helsinki within two weeks. He would be the second Soviet man sent home for prosecution in five recent hijackings of Soviet airliners to Finland and Sweden.

Ballot box opened after four days of procedural wrangling between the Socialists and UDF.

Political analysts and some deputies suggested that new candidates may be suggested following yesterday's inconclusive votes.

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Opposition leader Zbelyn Zhelev threatened a walkout of his deputies yesterday if there was no halt in what he called the obstructive tactics of the socialists.

Bulgaria has been without a president since Mladenov resigned 18 days ago after experts confirmed a recording on which he called for tanks to move against anti-government demonstrators last December. No tanks were used, but Mladenov previously had denied making the comment.

## Feud over unity polls

De Maiziere confident

EAST BERLIN, July 25, (AP):

West German Prime Minister Helmut Kohl, like De Maiziere a Christian Democrat, wants to win seats so they can hold a Christian Democratic coalition in united German elections.

The departure of the centrist Liberal Party, and a threat by the left-leaning Social Democrats to follow suit, has jeopardised the broad coalition chosen to steer the nation to unity with West Germany.

The Social Democrats, the nation's second-biggest party, have said they will leave the government by Friday unless their demands are met.

Political analysts say the outcome of the feud could help determine whether Kohl, or the Social Democrats, govern a united Germany.

The Liberals resigned from the government late yesterday. The two Liberals in the cabinet — Regional Affairs Minister Manfred Priss and Construction Minister Axel Vichtwege — skipped a cabinet meeting this morning.

Police have said they arrested 40 ANC and South African Communists in recent weeks. ANC internal chairman Walter Sisulu has said 150 ANC members have been arrested recently and that he assumes guerrillas have been carrying on their "normal activities."

However, all major parties are committed to unification. The strife, if not settled, would more likely slow the process rather than derail it.

In an interview with the West German newspaper Bild today, De Maiziere was quoted as saying that the Liberals' departure "would not bind my government" and that the process of unifying Germany would be completed.

■ A unified Germany will be governed mostly by current West German rules, although East Germany's liberal abortion law will be retained for a while, officials said yesterday.

■ Former Nazi secretary-general Joseph Luns has warned that a united Germany might use its military and economic might to expand into neighbouring territory, a Dutch magazine reported today.

Boesak reaffirms decision to quit

JOHANNESBURG, July 25, (AP): Anti-apartheid leader Rev. Allan Boesak today reaffirmed his decision to resign his church posts and seek a political career after a scandal over his relationship with a white journalist.

Boesak said he had not changed his mind and would step down as a Protestant minister despite pleas from other religious leaders and friends not to leave the church.

Boesak said he wanted to play a role in South African politics.

"I have... decided to offer my services to the people of this country to bring about a united, non-racial and democratic South Africa. I am prepared to play any role which I may be called upon to play in this regard," he said in a statement released by his lawyer.

Church officials had pleaded with Boesak to reconsider when he announced earlier this month that he was resigning. But he said today he was resigning.

# Over KD10m social aid paid out

## 63,832 families benefit

THE assistant undersecretary for social care at the Social Affairs and Labour Ministry Dr Latifa Al Rajaib has said that financial aid paid to needy families during the first half of the current year amounted to KD10,789.

She told a local daily that 63,832

Kuwaiti families with a total number of 110,803 citizens benefited. Last year KD7,975,751 was distributed among 61,170 families with 108,550 members.

### Increase

She added that this also indicates that there is an increase in the size of aid during

this year reaching KD2,132,136 and a similar increase in the beneficiaries up to 2,062 families with 2,253 members.

She said that the increase is attributed to the constant rise of the value of public aid since 1986 from KD250 to 400, and from KD40 to KD132, particularly following

the Amiri grant which involved a KD30 increase.

She pointed out that beneficiaries of this aid included divorcees, orphans, jobless patients, handicapped, old people, financially disabled single women, families of prisoners and families of students.

## Australia to resume shipments of sheep

SYDNEY, July 25, (AP): New shipments of live sheep are expected to leave for the Middle East in the next few weeks under stricter rules that the industry hopes will help revive the stalled trade.

Australian Meat and Livestock Corporation chairman Dick Austen said today that a new live shipment to Saudi Arabia was imminent and that the trade was beginning to put itself in order again after costly disruptions.

"These conditions will give us a strong degree of confidence about the status of age and health in our export sheep," he told a farmers group.

Australia's live-sheep trade with Saudi Arabia has been disrupted since last August after shipments were rejected because the Saudis said the animals were diseased.

### Rejected

The trade resumed last December. But four shipments were rejected April and May, and exporters have not been assigning ships to the route.

In the latest incident, 21,000 sheep were rejected by Bahrain this month because of an unacceptable high level of the disease Scabey Mouth.

The problems had turned into "a very, very nasty situation" which would take a while to repair, Austen said.

"For the last 12 months it's been a battle to get the whole thing changed so we can be responsive to the real Saudi demands of quality and health," he said.

## Financial support for boat owners

THE chairman of the board at the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources Sheikh Ibrahim Al Duaij Al Sahah has issued a decision providing KD500 financial support for owners of fishing boats who possess licences issued by the authority.

The decision which appeared in the official gazette, Kuwait Al Youm, said that beneficiaries of the financial support must have a valid fishing licence issued at least one year before the issue of the decision and that they could collect the financial support for a maximum of five fishing boats at KD500 each.

Under the decision, qualified beneficiaries must also be practising fishing activities within Kuwait's territorial waters in line with the regulations enforced in this field, and that they must not have been legally sentenced for violation of decree 46 for 1980 and subsequent decision regulating the fishing profession within Kuwait's territorial waters.

The financial support will be paid in cash once to every qualified beneficiary.

Meanwhile, Sheikh Ibrahim said that the authority is keen to plant all Kuwait express roads with trees.

In an interview with a local daily, he said that the authority will sign a contract to plant express roads with trees and other types of bushes.

## Othman in London

ABU DHABI, July 25, (Kuna): Member of the Sudanese Revolutionary Command Council, head of the Political Committee in Sudan, Othman Hassan left here today heading for London after a four-day visit to the United Arab Emirates.

The Sudanese official delivered a message to UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan from head of the Sudanese Revolutionary Command Council Gen. Omar Al Bashir on bilateral relations, developments in Sudan and developments on the Arab platform, the Gulf News Agency reported.



### Hobby Courses

Within the framework of interviews with the directors and supervisors of summer clubs and members, Seyassah has met the director of the Salmiya Club for Girls, Zainab Hassan Bahro, who said that the total number of members at the club is 600.

Registration at the club is still in progress and serves the areas of Salmiya, Maldan Hawally and Ras Al Salmiya, she added. The summer clubs have given students, boys and girls, the chance to practise their hobbies, improve their talents, cultivate their skills and indulge in useful activities which deepen their sense of national responsibility and highlight their abilities to offer good social services, Bahro said.

She further added that the summer clubs have been successful in their educational and teaching missions as well as in protecting children from the delinquency associated with having nothing to do during the summer vacations.

The supervisor of science activities at the club, Nill Mohammad said that the participants in the science activities total 15 students. There are a number of scientific projects under implementation, which include the sea and electronics projects, and research on dental care in the field of health.

Decor activities supervisor said that 20 students are operating in this field and that work currently in

progress include the making of furniture, chests, doors, key holders and others, and that most decor activities involved timber-carving projects.

The supervisor of library activities, Inshirah Yousef said that the number of students working in this section range between 70 to 80, from a kindergarten up to a secondary education level. More than 40 students visit the library daily. Students are trained in how to locate and pickup the book of their choice, and shown how they could prepare synopsis of its contents for their working and pedagogical purposes, the supervisor said.

The drawing activities supervisor said that this hobby attracts about 40 students from the total number of club members and that the activities involve embroidery, artistic drawings on glass, and on wool as well as on carpets. Students are being well taken care of and guided to cultivate their skills and refine their talents. The supervisor of the cultural section said that 25 students took part in this field with a high sense of co-operation, who collectively issue a wall mag called "Sanabil" with contributions from students of different educational levels.

Pictures show girls in a latch hook class (above) and in a baking class below.



## Oil workers' demands fair: union chairman

### Salaries not good enough

THE chairman of Kuwait Petroleum Corporation's trade union, Hamad Soyam described the demands of the union as fair.

Speaking to a local daily, the official said that KPC's description of such demands were being raised for the first time were being raised as these had been tabled way back in 1960.

Elucidating, he said that the workers' demands included: increasing wages, increasing basic allowances, including shift allowances, payment commensurate with the nature of work and payment of risk allowances. Specifically, he said that each allowance should equal at least one quarter of the basic salary as is the system applied in all countries of the world.

Further, he said that the current labour law of the oil sector had been enacted in 1969. Since then, the union had been calling for enhancing the hazard allowance. Upon the nationalisation of Kuwait Oil Company in 1974, the union had suspended their demands and concentrated on other issues, including Kuwaitisation of the oil sector and creating suitable opportunities for citizens to join the sector, by introducing training courses.

Again during the 1980 Iran-Iraq war the union had suspended

any demands. However, in 1988, the ceasefire had been announced and the union reiterated its demands in 1988 and 1989. However, the official said that these legitimate demands had been rejected by the oil companies as well as the Kuwaiti Petroleum Corporation.

Furthermore, the official said that the corporation had decided in 1989 to reduce the aptitude allowance from 7.5 per cent to 5 per cent of the basic salary. Several negotiations between the corporation and the union had failed to resolve the issue.

The union had recently recommended that minutes of negotiations should be recorded, but the corporation had rejected this suggestion. Keeping an issue unresolved is not acceptable to the union, Soyam said.

He added that the union had previously called for a strike, but HH the Crown Prince and Premier had requested that the strike be suspended and instead to engage in dialogue. The union had immediately responded to HH the Crown Prince and Premier's request and entered into new negotiations with the corporation, clarifying that in all oil producing countries, there were special hospitals for workers of the oil sector.

He commented that the union

had met with HH the Crown Prince and Premier last week and apprised him of the situation.

The next phase will witness direct negotiations between the union and the minister of oil, the union leader said and added that he was not optimistic of the outcome. However, he commented that the union had very high hopes in the intervention of HH the Crown Prince and Premier.

He said that the union is looking forward to settling the problems locally, without the need for intervention — either on an Arab or international level. He commented that though he is the assistant secretary-general of the Petrochemical Labour Union, he has never conveyed the problem to this institution.

He said that labour in the oil sector work 12 hours daily and in general the salary paid is not commensurate with the high cost of living.

Soyam said that there are about 125 casualties among workers who have been certified, including 90 workers who had been superannuated. He called for setting up a special hospital for labourers working in the oil sector, clarifying that in all oil producing countries, there were special hospitals for workers of the oil sector.

## Travel agencies regularly inspected

TRAVELLERS, this season, who had several complaints have stated that they are unaware as to whom they should submit their representation to.

A local daily interviewed the general controller of the Air Transport Department, Bader Al Mershed Al Mershed who said that the department is striving to achieve its local and international objectives.

On the international level, the department adheres to international civil aviation agreements in addition to concluding bilateral agreements. The department is responsible to contribute to international and regional activities in the fields of civil aviation and related international relations and organising the exchange of air transport rights and freedom. It also oversees related facilities to be extended for streamlining processes and the movement of goods.

On the local level, the official said that the department organises air transport between Kuwait and other countries in accordance with legislations followed in Kuwait.

The department organises flight movements at Kuwait International Airport in addition to preparing relevant studies and compiling statistics, the official said. He added that the Air Transport Department is the official authority empowered to apply regulations governing the air transport market in Kuwait.

Travel activities should be licenced by the department, the official said and added that his department conducts periodical inspections of travel agencies to ensure they abide by the law.

## Indian universities

THE First Secretary at the Indian embassy in Kuwait Abdul Kabeer Mohammad has said that there are more than 120 universities in India with worldwide recognition, providing different disciplines of education and majors.

He told a local daily that most Indian universities open up during the first week of July and that some start in mid-August each year. Registration requires the completion of a series of formalities such as getting admission approval from one of these universities, which will have to be presented to the consular section for completion and issue of visas.

He said that the embassy will provide visas to students who received approvals from the Indian Foreign Ministry. Documents needed for registration at the Indian universities include an attested statement of grades in English, a certificate of clean criminal record, a certificate of freedom from diseases, a certificate of birth, main passport pages copies and three passport size photos.

## Modernised maintenance

THE director of maintenance department at the Ministry of Public Works Eid Al Khaldi has said that the department has modernised its equipment to keep abreast with maintenance requirements.

In an interview with a local daily, the official said that the modernisation process had covered light and heavy equipment. Meanwhile, the official disclosed that there are about 99 Kuwaiti employees in his department with 16 engineers, 25 assistant engineers, 39 foremen and 19 administrative staff.

The court released a housemaid from charges reported by her employer that she had sexually assaulted her five year old daughter.

The court saw the young girl's testimony was not original due to her young age beside the conflicting statements made by the lady employer.

At the court the housemaid, who is a Filipina stated that she had not received her salary for four months. She added that her employer had taken charges against her in order to avoid paying her the total amount of salary.

He indicated that the individual consumption of dates is decreasing despite its nutritional value.

## Review of regional water expertise

### Water conference, Oct 7-10

increase of water resources

environmental protection will

also be discussed

### Research

She said that about 500 participants are expected to participate in the activities of the conference representing ministries, government services, universities, institutes, water industries, consultancy offices, local contractors and others.

She pointed out that contributions to the conference will include research papers on water resources management and planning, fresh, brackish and underground water resources, water and sanitary grids, purification and recycling of waste water, standardisation of water specifications, water resources economics, training in water resources management, irrigation and drainage, environmental effects and others.

She said that Kuwait will contribute 11 research papers to the conference, prepared by the Ministry of Electricity and Water, Public Works Ministry, Ministry of Health, Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research and the Arab Fund for Social and Economic Development.

## Housing, Kuwait's primary objective

By Nashat Al Agha

KUWAIT stands in the forefront of countries with leading housing achievements and also in other spheres, which highlight for the great leap that Kuwait has made in the field of technology and urban development.

The government has since the early fifties considered the provision of housing care one of its primary public objectives for which all available potential and possibilities are mobilised.

With this in mind, the government has played a vital role in providing convenient and decent housing to its subjects through the carefully chosen designs and options available to the individual which, among other things, match all modern aesthetic aspects.

The National Housing Authority was set up in 1974 for the purpose of shouldering the responsibility of constructing housing projects to meet the local demand for decent houses, and preparing relevant housing plans, based on careful consideration of the government's future requirements.

On the occasion of the conclusion of the NHA's third five-year plan for 89/90, the NHA has issued its annual report, which consists of five chapters dealing with housing care, new housing care and related regulations, outlines of the 4th five-year projects, existing projects and activities.

Housing care in Kuwait has come in for great government attention to continued satisfaction of the public and citizens. The NHA has since its establishment constructed 25,484 houses, 3,757 buildings, 1,000 flats, 9,696 Arabi design houses.

The fourth five-year plan is aimed at completing 27,227 houses at the cost of KWD 1,620,000,000, including all related public facilities and services as well as the needed building loans, which reflects the constantly increasing government support and attention to the housing care over the years.

This government focus on housing projects will lead to the urbanisation of distant areas in different governorates which will integrate the outward growth strategy.

## Bahrain exhibition for arms equipment Oct '91

THE Middle East represents the world's fastest growing defence and security equipment market, a trend firmly set to continue throughout the 1990s in line with the region's rising energy export earnings and the importance it places on maintaining a modern defence and law enforcement infrastructure.

Combined defence budgets of the Middle Eastern countries exceed \$60 billion annually, an average of thirty per cent of all government spending. By far the largest market in the region is Saudi Arabia with an annual defence and security expenditure of \$15 billion.

Against this background plans are now well advanced to stage the Middle East's first defence and security exhibition — Medef '91 — October 28-31, 1991 at the new Bahrain International Exhibition Centre.

Medef '91 has the full support of the Bahrain government and is being

held under the auspices of the Bahrain Ministry of Defence and the Bahrain Ministry of the Interior.

The exhibition will introduce a comprehensive range of equipment and technology for the region's external defence forces, as well as law enforcement agencies including the police, internal and border security services, militia and paramilitary who will be officially invited by the Bahrain government to attend from throughout the Middle East.

Bahrain is the ideal venue for Medef '91 being central to the region's most important market.

Medef '91 is organised by Arabian Exhibition Management of Bahrain in association with London-based Overseas Exhibition Services who organise the highly acclaimed Defence Services Asia in Kuala Lumpur and the Asian Defence Services Exhibition in Bangkok.

## 134 receiving field training in health sciences

### Trainees to be evaluated

FIELD training offered to students at the Health Sciences College is aimed at providing knowledge with vital bearing on the theoretical education of their studies, and at giving them the chance to understand the technological practices employed in the environment where they will operate.

Students currently receiving field train-

ing count 134, distributed over the Public Health Ministry, Kuwait Municipality, Environment Protection Centre, Public Works Ministry, the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, Kuwait Oil Company, Kuwait Flour and Bakeries Company and the Kuwait Danish Dairy Company.

Training supervision is provided by

supervisors of the scientific divisions at the college.

Conditions for the field training include that the trainee must have passed 42 study courses at the college, and accumulated more than 200 hours of training.

The evaluation of trainee performance will be based on a report presented at the

end of the training programme. Their reports will be submitted by the training authority on attendance, and interaction with other participants in the training, demonstrative charts produced by the trainee at the end of the training period which involve graphic representations or industrial process, and an oral exam to determine the true level of benefit.

### Alarm over decline of Arabic language

DR SALEM AL SARI, professor of Sociology at Kuwait University, has said that the effect of non-Arab identity, has been a source of fear for a number of reasons.

This is because of the high density of expat labour communities in the Arab countries, the wide variety of nationalities, and related different cultural backgrounds, the various patterns of social conduct and levels of education.

He said that the end-product is, as expected, a regression not a progression of the Arabic language in different walks of daily life and in various major sectors, such as labour, production and service sectors.

He pointed out that researchers have of late raised an alarm regarding the severe blows sustained by the Arabic language, whether its spoken or written form. This, he said is obvious in the daily dealings in the Arabic speaking countries, through the need to communicate with expat baby-sitters and maids, or in the trading and economic dealings in public markets.

He added that the continued neglect of the existing and future bad effects on the Arab language is not confined to the language alone but come to affect the social and cultural aspects of life.

He also said that what is going on is not simply a mere friction or cultural interaction or even process of mutual exchange of cultural riches, but is a sort of silent-cultural-conflict which takes different forms starting with the entrenchment of foreign expressions in the language of daily use, as well as of patterns taking over daily routines of conduct and social dealings.

### Philippines charity

THE Philippine embassy in cooperation with various organisations in Kuwait is launching a charity fund drive known as Project Help (Hope for Earthquake Help Philippines) to help thousands of Filipinos back home get back on their feet after the devastation wreaked by earthquake in certain parts of the country. The project aims to solicit voluntary donations from private organisations and individuals.



### Kuwaiti cadets graduate

Ten Kuwaiti cadets graduated with the 41st batch of Naval cadets in Egypt. Egyptian Defence Minister Gen. Yousef Sabri Abu Taleb said in a speech at the graduation ceremony that every new batch is a vital addition to the Arab naval forces.

Navy Officer Lieut. Kamel Rashed Idris, a Kuwaiti received a service medal of the second degree and prizes granted by the Egyptian Defence Minister and the Commander of Egyptian troops Sharif Saeed.

Kuwaitis in the 41st batch included Hazzza Mulaq Hadeeb, Mohammad Khalil Mohammad Alid, Neyat Mohammed Khaled Mohammed Al Askar, Imad Saleh Al Dakheel, Ali Awad, Bashar Abdul Hussain

Abdul Ridda, Adel Ibrahim Yousef Al Regem, Salem Aqqab Mubarak Barakat, Fahd Ali Abdur Raheem Al Kandari and Munzer Ibrahim Selam Othman Al Rashed.

The ceremony was held at the Naval Academy in Abi Qeer and attended by senior commanders of the Egyptian armed forces, a number of Egyptian ministers, Kuwaiti military attaches to Egypt and families of Kuwaiti graduates.

Pictures (above) show the Kuwaiti contingent upon graduation and (below) Lieut. Kamel Rashed Idris receiving his medal from Egyptian Defence Minister General Yousef Sabri Abu Taleb.



### 45 Jahra hospital nurses resign

A TOTAL of 45 employees of the nursing staff at Al Jahra Hospital tendered their resignations and another 13 employees from the medical services department also resigned, a local daily reported.

The daily added that 32 new employees were recruited as nursing staff and 15 to work in the medical services.

These resignations have been

attributed to the migratory nature of the Asian workforce who prefer to migrate to Europe and the USA, an official source said. Commenting, he said that it is a disaster that the Nursing Institute has been closed down as it was ideally suited to provide Kuwaiti girls and expatriates the opportunities to join the nursing field.

The official called on the Minister of Health, Dr Abdul Wahab Al Fouza to redress the issue of shortage of nursing and other medical staff.

The official added that Al Jahra Hospital which is in need of 612 nursing staff has been opened with a total of 483 nurses who are presently employed by the hospital.

### 2 films, 6 ships on blacklist

KUWAIT, July 25. (Kuna): The Kuwait Office of the Arab Boycott of Israel today blacklisted two films and six vessels for dealing with Israel.

The office's release said that the feature film "My African Adventure" was banned from screening in Kuwait because it is produced by the boycotted American company Cannon Group Inc. with the participation of the Israeli Menahem Golan and Yoram Globus.

The other film "War Zone" was blacklisted for screening anti-Arab material and pro-Israeli propaganda.

Three vessels were blacklisted in their new names namely the Liberian ship Negev Oron which changed its name to Monica, the German ship Nautic under its new name of Nautique and new Cypriot nationality and finally the Liberian ship Soknatum under its new name Island and new Honduras nationality.

Boycott of three other vessels was extended to their new nationalities namely the Finnish ship Ariel under Greek nationality, the Greek ship Kronos under the Bahamas nationality and the Liberian ship Soknatum under its Norwegian nationality.

GCC meeting on impact of changes

MUSCAT, July 25. (Kuna): Three ministers from the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) member states began a meeting in Oman's resort city of Salalah today to consider current international changes and their impacts on the region, reported the Omani News Agency.

The committee set up at the recent GCC summit in Muscat is made up of Oman's State Minister for Foreign Affairs Yousef Ben Alawi, Kuwait's Finance Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa Al Athbi and Bahrain's Information Minister Tariq Bin Abdul Rahman Al Muayyad.

Addressing the opening session Ben Alawi stressed the need to discuss these changes with due concern and in a positive manner.

## More Kuwaitis marrying Filipinas

### Demands of local women unreasonable

THE number of Kuwaiti youths marrying Filipinas is registering a considerable and steady increase, despite government efforts aimed at encouraging youth to marry Kuwaiti females. In this respect, the government of Kuwait distributes grants to those just married and extends various loan facilities to those who are in need.

A local daily, interviewed a number of Kuwaiti youth who have married Filipinas to obtain an insight into the reasons for preferring them to Kuwaiti women.

A 26-year-old Kuwaiti male, identified only by his initials HH said that he married a Filipina who used to be a maid, but pointed out that he does not feel ashamed to admit that his wife was a domestic servant. He commented that an honest job has no limitations and is not degrading.

He said that he had met his wife in the same neighbourhood where he lived with his family before he married. He said that his wife was compelled to come to Kuwait in order to earn an honest living with a decent wage. Wages in the Philippines, as in many other developing countries of the world, are very low, he said and reiterated the fact that his wife came to Kuwait to earn some extra honest income. In fact, he said, instead of being ashamed of his wife, he is proud of her as she has a Bachelor's degree in English.

He disclosed that once he had ensured that his feelings for her were genuine, he decided to marry her and promptly proposed. He added that he had surmounted all social differences (and these were considerable) even though she is two years older than me, he said.

He confided to the paper, that he has switched from wearing dishdashas to shirts and trousers — not so much due to a change in fashion, but because with Western clothes, people in Kuwait do not stare at him and his wife, he added. He commented that on several occasions when he used to wear the dishdashas and went shopping with his wife, people mistook his wife for his maid. However, I am sure, given adequate time, this concept of Filipinas being maids will change, he said.

Just like he had switched from the dishdashas to Western clothes, he said that his wife had embraced Islam before marriage. She is now attending Arabic classes and is also learning to cook Arabic food. In addition, he said that she helps him in running the affairs of his cloth shop.

On the issue of parental consent, he said that both his parents were and are still totally opposed to reconciling themselves to the fact that their son has married a Filipina — even though the marriage is a very happy one. He



Hisham Abu Ajeeb and his wife Fatima.

said that until this day, his father

strain, and ultimately leads to divorce.

One of the reasons for this adamant stand taken by his father HH said is that his older brother is also married to a Filipina who worked as a housemaid. This in itself was not acceptable to his father, he added, but what compounds the issue is that his brother divorced his Kuwaiti wife to marry his present wife.

He confided to the paper, that he has every hope, along with his brother that when his father sees that these have been happy marriages, he will reconcile him to the fact and visit them both.

He said that his wife is in her fourth month of pregnancy and he just cannot wait to see his first-born.

In a second interview, Khaled M. 29-year-old Kuwaiti said that he has been married for the past three and half years to his Filipina housemaid. He said that most Kuwaiti youth are compelled to marry Filipino girls or other foreigners due to the unreasonable demands of Kuwaiti women before marriage. To add to this, he said, after marriage, Kuwaiti women indulge in expensive tastes in relation to clothes, travel, and other forms of luxury.

He said that Kuwaiti women do not appreciate the need for standing by their man in the initial formative stages of his career and their excessive demands causes the marriage to will change.

### Eve-teasers go free on bail

THE Criminal Court refrained from passing sentence against the three defendants on a charge of teasing a girl, a local daily reported.

However, the defence argued that the girl was provocatively dressed and incited the defendants to give vent to their feelings.

The court was told that the girl was walking up the stairs of a building when the defendants molested her.

However, the court took into consideration that the defendants were of a young age and called on them to pay a bail amount of KD200 each.

### From the courts

## Janitor gets 5 years for rape

THE Criminal Court sentenced a building janitor to five years in jail to be followed by deportation for raping a minor boy, a local daily reported.

The court was told that the janitor called on the boy to help him fix the antenna on the roof of the building. However, once on the terrace, he made sexual advances which were repulsed by the boy. Following, the court was told that the accused gave the boy KD5 and then sexually assaulted him.

The youth informed his parents who called in the police and after investigations, the accused confessed to the crime.

**Four years for drug trader:** The Criminal Court sentenced a defendant to four years rigorous imprisonment with a fine of KD600 for trading in narcotics.

The court was told that the defendant had been to the UK to pursue his higher studies where he became an addict and as he could not continue his studies returned without getting a degree. In Kuwait, he continued to seek release through drugs and ultimately turned into a trader in narcotics. The CID who were informed of his activities arranged for a police decoy to purchase KD50 worth of drugs.

However, at the time of the transaction, the defendant felt the presence of the police and after throwing down the contraband tried to flee. However, he was soon arrested and a search of his vehicle revealed a quantity of drugs.

Investigations revealed that he had obtained the drugs from a friend who was arrested a week previously.

**Maid, paramour get 3 months:** The Criminal Court sentenced a maid and her paramour to three months in jail to be followed by deportation for indulging in illicit sex.

The court was told that the housemaid telephoned her lover who worked as a driver at a neighbouring flat and told him to come over as her employer was on vacation.

However, the employer returned earlier than usual and found the driver in the apartment. He promptly informed the police who arrested both the accused.

### Indian university exams

DELHI University examinations (correspondence) will be held at the Indian embassy premises wef July 30, 1990 in the mornings at (0630) hours.

Concerned candidates are advised to contact the Indian embassy (0900) to (1300) hours on Saturday, the 28th July, 1990 for further details.

## Khan – a minister for all affairs

Indian Minister of Energy and Civil Aviation Arif Mohammad Khan was recently in Kuwait as Prime Minister V.P. Singh's special envoy to deliver a message to HH the Amir. Arab Times took this opportunity to find out more about the youngest union cabinet member who rocked, not one, but two governments in a political career spanning 13 years. He turns 40 in November this year.

By Fathima Ahmed

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### Career

Commerce and Tourism Minister Arun Nehru and Khan share a "right-of-centre" viewpoint and support each other on key economic and political matters. The story goes that if a common man from Nehru's constituency visits him, he is redirected to Khan's address.

Khan, in a political career spanning 13 years, has come to acquire the reputation of being "the man of the people." He comes across as a polite, courteous man, and sincere to a fault, even while apologising for something that is certainly not his doing. Khan is like a social-

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### Achievements

In recent weeks, he once again

rocked a government when along with Arun Nehru, he resigned over the reinstatement of vice-

premier Devi Lal's son, Om Prakash Chautala as chief minister of Haryana. At a time when

politicians cling to power, Khan seems to throw it away at the drop of a hat. Why?

At 26, he became the youngest

minister in the UP state assem-

ly.

if you talk in terms of religious affiliation, yes. Muslims are a minority. But the idea of identifying religious minorities is alien in our secular state.

"Religious affiliation does not determine political attitudes when we talk of the political system. The idea of converting political constituencies (into religious units) is alien to our

system. If this were so, I would have no chance of getting elected

from UP." He was elected twice from Bahrach constituency in UP. Khan says his secular idealism won.

He tackles such tricky issues like religious dissent with political finesse, stressing secularism is the platform for all democratic norms in his country. He believes in the principles of democracy. And in a healthy democracy, there must be "voices of dissent." And the crux is to learn "agreeing to disagree."

He decries his recent resignation, and that of the 12 other ministers, over the Chautala affair, one of the worst crisis faced by the minority National Front government, insisting it was not a crisis.

"It was no crisis. The ministers who resigned did not protest (Chautala's reinstatement) but we could not defend the developments and dissociated ourselves. And a difference of opinion is not unusual, it is a part of the democratic process."

In some ways, he emphasises the concept of unity in diversity. Media reports claim the Chautala issue tarnished the "clean" image of the ruling National Front.

"Certainly not. The fact that the matter was settled in a matter of two and a half days proves there was no crisis and we can settle issues."

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## Thought for today

FAME always brings loneliness. Success is as ice-cold as the North Pole — Vicki Baum, Austrian-born writer (1888-1960).

## S. Africa Reds rally Communists make a return

JOHANNESBURG. (Reuters): South Africa's secretive Communist Party returns to the political stage after 40 years behind the scenes with a mass rally and a recruitment drive among blacks impatient to take a share of white-owned wealth.

The rally on Sunday at Soweto's Soccer City stadium will test the popularity of a shadowy movement long seen by minority whites as a Soviet agent controlling Nelson Mandela's African National Congress (ANC), the main black anti-apartheid group.

"We've been rubbish, attacked, vilified and slandered without any right to reply for 40 years," says general secretary Joe Slovo, 64, a Johannesburg lawyer who returned to South Africa in April after 27 years leading the party in exile.

"Our launch is our first shot at recreating the party as a legal organisation, which it was until it was banned in 1950," he said on a radio phone-in programme.

"Now that we have emerged from the cellars in which we have been forced to work, we're going to try to build a mass party, an open party, where every single communist will be known as a communist in whatever organisation he or she is working."

At Soccer City, which holds 70,000 people, party officials will hand out membership application forms to the crowd, drawing on socialist sympathies among voteless blacks who accuse white-owned companies of profiteering from apartheid and cheap black labour.

### Attracted

"Whether or not blacks are attracted to communism, that is the question," said senior party official Raymond Mhlaba.

"We are going to see if the SACP is being supported."

The party was one of a number of anti-apartheid groups legalised by President F. W. de Klerk in February as part of sweeping reforms aimed at giving blacks a share of power.

But unlike its main allies in the ANC, the SACP kept a low profile for fear of harassment by police steeped in decades of state-inspired anti-communist propaganda.

Memories are vivid of internal party leader Braam Fischber, who died in 1975, nine years into a jail term, and Slovo's wife Ruth First, killed by a parcel bomb in Mozambique in 1982.

Party officials also cite the retention on the statute book of Section 55 of the 1982 Internal Security Act, which makes it an offence punishable by 10 years' imprisonment to advocate, advise, defend or encourage the objectives of communism.

The section makes the rally technically illegal, but magistrates and traffic police have granted permission in line with a new official tolerance for dissent.

The party has no access to the Western funding available to its ANC ally. It is almost broke and will rely on membership fees. Slovo says. Since being legalised it has had one foreign donation \$5,000 from the Austrian Communist Party.

But the SACP's influence belies its size and poverty. Most estimates put its membership at only a few hundred, but it has members in the upper echelons of the growing black trade union movement and the ANC.

Slovo, a one-time chief of staff of ANC's military wing, still has a top post with the ANC. In public appearances since April he has attracted as much applause and cheering from black crowds as have most black leaders.

### Revived

A white South African, he has been reviled as public enemy number one and is often referred to by whites as a Soviet agent.

The ANC's current military leader, Chris Hani, is a senior member of the SACP. Other ANC officials are expected to reveal their membership at the rally.

Some political analysts see important shifts in the SACP's relationship with the ANC following Mandela's successful tour of Europe and North America this year, which switched the source of ANC financial support from the Soviet Union and its allies to the West.

"The CP members in the ANC and the unions give it a very considerable influence. I doubt whether that's going to change," David Welsh, professor of politics at Cape Town University, said in an interview.

"But most ANC funding now comes from Scandinavian and North American sources. There's no question in the past that the ANC policy tended to follow the Soviets and my guess is that there will be a sea of change," Welsh said.

"The CP is well aware of this and is manoeuvring to show its own independence as a communist party and not toe the line from Moscow. They're moving towards a rather fuzzy social democratic line."

The party in 1928 became the first South African political group to advocate one-person, one vote but for decades propagated dogmatic Marxist ideology handed down by its main source of diplomatic backing, the Soviet Union.

The party changed tack when communist governments fell in Eastern Europe last year. It began advocating multi-party democracy and a mixed economy.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1605 — French Protestants hold assembly at Chatelherault in defiance of King Henry IV.
- 1757 — French under D'Estrees defeat British under Cumberland at Hastenbeck in Eastern Germany.
- 1821 — Turkey and Russia sever relations after Turkey refuses to protect Christian subjects.
- 1891 — France annexes South Sea island of Tahiti.
- 1926 — Philippines legislature calls for plebiscite on independence, but it is vetoed by US governor-general.
- 1942 — British Air Force stages heavy raid on Hamburg in Germany in World War II.
- 1945 — Britain, United States and China demand Japan's unconditional surrender as terms for peace in World War II.
- 1952 — Egypt's King Farouk abdicates in favour of infant son, Fuad.
- 1953 — Fidel Castro begins revolt in Cuba, attacking army barracks at Santiago.
- 1956 — Egypt's president Gamal Abdel Nasser nationalises Suez Canal and Britain, France and United States announce financial retaliations.
- 1963 — Earthquake shakes Skopje, Yugoslavia, taking more than 1,000 lives.
- 1974 — Constantine Karamanlis, new Greek premier, forms civilian cabinet after seven years of military rule in Greece.
- 1984 — Kuwait's defence minister says Amir of Kuwait has ordered air force to shoot on sight any intruder warplanes that violate nation's air space.
- 1988 — Cuba's President Fidel Castro addresses rally to mark 35th anniversary of start of his revolutionary fight for power.
- 1989 — Poland's president rules out turning over government to Solidarity.

# Two dead, one paralysed and two wounded Uprising takes toll on Gaza family

SHABURA REFUGEE CAMP, Occupied Gaza Strip. (AP): Subhi Abu Dahi proudly displays his trophies: The scars of four gunshot wounds from encounters with Israeli soldiers in nearly 32 months of the Palestinian uprising.

A 7-year-old sister, Lulu, sits in a wheelchair, eyes dull and head tilted against a brace. She has been paralysed, unable to speak, since a soldier fired a rubber-coated steel ball 18 months ago that struck her in the head.

Their father and an older brother were killed by Israeli forces over the years and a 14-year-old brother was shot in both legs.

Subhi is tall and muscular with big, broad hands, and looks like a high school basketball player, but life has left him little time for sports.

In the dusty, garbage-strewn streets of Shabura, young men his age are more likely to throw stones at Israeli soldiers than shoot balls through hoops. The soldiers often respond with bullets and Subhi has scars to show.

The toll on his family has been dreadful even by the standards of Shabura, where nearly every home has a tale of suffering from a generation of Israeli occupation.

About 25,000 Palestinian refugees are crowded into the small concrete-block houses. Residents say 37 people in Shabura have died in clashes with the Israeli Army since the uprising began in December 1987.

Shabura is part of the town of Rafah, on the Egyptian border. Palestinian flags, outlawed by Israel, fly throughout the camp and slogans written on walls declare hatred and anger for the Israeli presence in the Gaza Strip and West

Bank, which Israel captured from Egypt and Jordan in 1967.

"Stopping the intifada is like killing the Palestinian people," reads one slogan, using the Arabic word for the uprising.

An extended Abu Dahi family of 29 people lives in eight small rooms under a corrugated tin roof. Similar spread-out shacks are close by, separated by sandy paths used for dumping garbage and dishwater.

Cousins and brothers in the Abu Dahi household told the family's story in the heat of a July afternoon. They cursed the soldiers, accusing them of firing needlessly, and said the family would continue fighting Israeli occupation.

"If things don't change, the uprising will go on, with rocks, firebombs and killing collaborators," Subhi said. "Perhaps there will be weapons. Some people have guns. We have seen collaborators killed with sticks."

His mother, Kamilya, said of the Israelis: "When they leave, the uprising will end. If they stay forever, we fight forever."

Kamilya is 40 and has borne nine children. She said her first husband, Subhi's father, was killed as a commando leader in 1970. Her oldest son, Osama, was shot to death when he attacked an Israeli border guard with a knife in October 1988.

The paralyzed child, Lulu, is from her second marriage. In Muslim fashion, Kamilya married the brother of her slain husband.

Lulu was shot when she ran outside during a riot in February last year, Kamilya said.

At the time, the army said Lulu was wounded in a stone-throwing riot. Military officials have accused Palestinians of putting youngsters in the front of protests because

wounded children are bad publicity for Israel.

Kamilya said Lulu "saw a boy she knew being arrested. She grabbed at him, trying to tug him away from the soldiers. One soldier opened fire."

She looked at the girl's frail, twisted body and said: "We sacrificed too much."

Her glance moved to Subhi, the oldest surviving son, scarred by bullets on the face, one arm and both ankles.

"People here call him the suspended 'shahid,'" she said. "Shahid, Arabic for martyr, describes the Palestinian dead of the uprising."

"That's why I am afraid," she said. "That's why he got married so young. Now he has to support his family. He shouldn't do anything illegal."

Subhi's wife, Hanan, also 19, blushed when Subhi was asked if he was ready to give up revolution for a job and children.

"I am studying the situation," he said. "I will manage to combine work, everything."

Three days earlier, Subhi was freed after 180 days in Gaza central prison, his third jailing of the uprising. He was convicted of "offering services to an illegal organisation," the mainstream Fatah faction led by PLO chairman Yasser Arafat.

According to Subhi, the services were "distributing leaflets, writing graffiti, carrying money."

He has worked as a welder and house painter, but said it would be difficult to find jobs in the economic shambles of Gaza. He is not allowed to work in Israel because of his jail record.

Two men who have jobs in Israel support the Abu Dahi clan. One is a construction

worker, the other a pizza cook. The family also gets UN food aid and, Subhi said, a PLO "stipend" for the members killed or wounded in the uprising.

Subhi's grandfather, Ahmed, complained that, like many Palestinians, his family had become used to living on handouts since fleeing their village of Qubeiba near Ramle when Israel was founded 42 years ago.

"In Qubeiba, there were rich and poor," he said. "Now we are all beggars."

Ahmed, 65, wears the white knif cap of a religious Muslim and is known as Sheikh Ahmed for his role as a mosque prayer leader.

He said his family fled Qubeiba on May 23, 1948, then joined thousands of other Palestinians in moving from place to place for months to escape the Israeli Army. They reached the Gaza Strip in early 1949.

Why did the family leave Qubeiba?

"There were clashes all around and we were afraid after Deir Yassin," he said, referring to a Palestinian village where Jewish irregulars massacred more than 200 people, women and children in April 1948.

Israeli historian Benny Morris wrote that Israeli soldiers captured Qubeiba and drove out the remaining inhabitants on May 27, 1948, four days after the Abu Dahis fled. The army demolished most of the houses and Jewish immigrants took over what remained.

"I think my house was destroyed," said Ahmed Abu Dahi.

From a cupboard, a grandson pulled a deed issued to Ahmed's father in 1930, when Britain ruled Palestine. It described the house as made of stone, built in 1910 and having a common wall with another family's home.

## Syria-Israel

### Settlers afraid of Golan talks

OCCUPIED KATZIRIN, Golan Heights. (Reuters): Rumours of possible peace talks with Syria are worrying the 10,000 Jews who have settled on the remote Golan Heights, captured by Israel in the 1967 Middle East war.

"The Golan is our home and no one ever thinks of giving back a home," said Meir Momitz, deputy mayor of the largest Israeli community on the strategic plateau, a wild region of rolling fields dotted with minefields.

The people of Katzrin and 32 smaller settlements know that if peace talks are held, the Golan will be at their centre.

The Heights tower over the Sea of Galilee in Israel to the west, and to the north look down on plains sweeping towards Damascus just 60 km (35 miles) away.

Western visitors to Damascus earlier this year reported that President Hafez Al Assad was interested in peace talks. Then in the past month Israel called for unconditional negotiations.

If talks are held, there may be more room for bargaining than was once expected. Though Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir refuses to yield an inch of the occupied West Bank or Gaza Strip, he has hinted the Golan could be negotiable.

Israel extended its laws over the 1,000-square km (350-square-mile) Golan in 1981, a move that had been regarded by the rest of the world as annexation.

Israel has encouraged civilians to settle in the Golan, but with little success. Returning the area to Syria would require the removal of only 10,000 Jewish civilians, a mere ninth of the number who have settled in the West Bank since that Palestinian area was captured in the 1967 war.

Most Israelis see the Golan as a distant, underdeveloped region suited only to the adventurous.

There are few industries and agriculture is the main employer. Local officials blame the government for not providing better infrastructure, saying many more settlers would come if there were jobs.

But they add that there has been an increase in settlement in recent months as Soviet Jewish immigrants pour into Israel, putting pressure on housing and jobs.

The settlers share the Golan with just 15,000 Arab Druze Muslims who lived there before the Israeli conquest and have remained aloof from the Jewish state.

The area's value to Israel remains strategic rather than emotional or economic. Military bases, listening posts and bunkers dot the plateau.

"The sanctity of the Golan Heights is not like the sanctity of Judea and Samaria (the West Bank)," said a senior government source. "It's a strategic problem."

Israelis who believe in trading the Golan for peace with Syria point to a 1974 United Nations-negotiated disengagement agreement that has made the Syrian border Israel's quietest.

Settlers like Momitz, who originally came as a soldier 10 years ago, fell in love with the Golan and never left, have always feared that one day Israel will withdraw.

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6 "My reaction is one of absolute horror that somebody on a mercy mission, fulfilling their own calling as a nun, has been murdered in what is one more indiscriminate attack on the RUC. I am disgusted." — Rogan Eames, Irish Primate while condemning IRA attack in N. Ireland

"The United States doesn't care about the people of Afghanistan... it was just looking for its own benefit in Afghanistan." — Abdul Haidi, spokesman for Hezbi Islami rebel group, commenting on US role in Afghanistan.

"Although the East German people have had their fill of crises, parliament is persisting with its storm in a teacup. Party political manoeuvring is getting the better of patriotic feeling." — Bauer-Echo newspaper on East German politics.

## SLA acts as Israel buffer force

### Tel Aviv pays \$3m monthly for upkeep



A 10-year-old Lebanese boy in the Israeli-self-declared security zone. He uses the mule to smuggle food to Syria. (Reuters photo)

attacked 353 times by infiltrators, roadside bombs, or artillery, mortar and rocket bombardments last year, almost one a day.

"All the infiltration attempts were interdicted and dealt with in the security zone," Saqr says.

The SLA fighters have a reputation for poor discipline and brutality. Most Muslims and not a few Christians consider them Israeli mercenaries.

An SLA private is paid \$150 a month, six times the average wage in other parts of Lebanon, and a second lieutenant gets \$240.

Lahd has sought to recruit Shiites to give his army a sectarian mix. But many of those defected.

The Israelis say that better training by Israeli instructors has improved the SLA's discipline and reliability.

The Israelis in the zone are deployed primarily in strategic hilltop fire bases bristling with electronic surveillance equipment.

The Israeli Air Force regularly attacks Palestinian and Lebanese commando bases to avenge major attacks. Israeli troops with tanks and helicopter gunships often strike out of the zone on punitive raids, seizing Muslim suspects.

"The Israelis are not an occupation army," Lahd insists. "You don't see them in the streets or villages of the security zone. They don't interfere with the population."

Lahd's spokesman Caesar Saqr, says the zone was

## Something is missing from S & L scandal

"THERE'S something

## Three more indicted in French arms racket

MARSEILLE, France, July 25. (UPI): Three more police officers were indicted and jailed yesterday on charges of purchasing arms from a smuggling ring run by colleagues working at the French embassy in Beirut, police said.

The three were identified as Jean-Pierre Schwinte, 37, a member of the tough CRS riot control unit in the eastern city of Mulhouse, Daniel Chaudron, 42, a gendarme at Besancon, eastern France.

The three, described by judicial sources as "passionate collectors of weapons," voluntarily presented themselves to a magistrate based in the southern port of Marseille who is investigating the racket. Judge Patrick Ardid. They were charged with

infraction of arms legislation.

The latest charges took a total of 14 the number of people indicted in connection with the burgeoning affair, including nine police officers.

In Paris, Minister for Humanitarian Aid Bernard Kouchner met with Prime Minister Michel Rocard after suggestions in the media that Kouchner's airplane may unwittingly have been used for arms smuggling when he flew to Lebanon as part of French policy in the past.

The socialist Rocard took the unusual step of accompanying Kouchner onto the steps of his hotel Matignon office and shaking his hand for 15 seconds in an

evident gesture of full confidence in the beleaguered minister.

Last night Judge Ardid released on provisional liberty, similar to bail on his own cognizance, Jean-Noel Lebat, a CRS agent based at the French embassy in Washington who was one of two police officers at the mission in the US capital accused of involvement in the trans-Mediterranean traffic in weapons.

The arms shipped by the ring included Soviet-made Kalashnikov AK-47 automatic rifles, American M-16 assault rifles and rocket-propelled-grenade launchers.

Many of the weapons are believed to have found their way to criminal gangs

working in the southern Cote d'Azur area, leading to an upsurge in armed robberies on security vans.

The three ringleaders of the gang have been identified as Sgt. Maj. Jean-Claude Labourdette, who was responsible for heading security at the heavily-fortified French embassy in east Beirut, Patrick Jacquin, a police officer who was brought back to France from his post at the French embassy in Washington last week, and Philippe Nino, 32, a former CRS officer who was indicted last year for trafficking in stolen luxury cars. Confessions by Nino led to police cracking the unusual racket, police sources say.

# EEC initiative for ME peace soon

### Israel rejects PLO role, vows to resist pressure

TUNIS, July 25. (Agencies): Italian Foreign Minister Gianni de Michelis pushed the idea of an early European Economic Community (EEC) initiative in the Middle East yesterday but ruled out any economic sanctions against Israel.

De Michelis, who led a team of three EEC foreign ministers on a trip to Israel and Tunis, told a news conference that action was desperately needed to revive the Middle East peace process.

He said: "We are particularly worried by the urgency to do something at once, by the risk connected with the deadlock."



Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) chairman Yasser Arafat (3rd from left) poses with three European Community foreign ministers after talks in Tunis on Tuesday. From left are Gerard Collins of Ireland, Jacques Poos of Luxembourg, Arafat, and Gianni de Michelis of Italy. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Israel develops unmanned copter

### Soviet official to examine joint jet project

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 25. (AP): Israel is developing a small, unmanned reconnaissance helicopter for its navy and already has carried out successful trial flights, Israel aircraft industries announced yesterday.

A statement from the government-run IAI said the prototype known as "Helstar" made its maiden flight June 18, hovering about two metres (yards) above the ground for two and a half minutes.

The helicopter weighs approximately 2,450 pounds (1,111 kgs) and is being developed to remain airborne for six hours and carry cameras to transmit live-pictures in day or night operations, the statement said.

It said the helicopter will be flown by remote control from a navy ship and feed intelligence information back.

"This helicopter will be able to land on a ship with a 400-ton displacement," said IAI spokesman Phil Herman. "That's so small it's like saying you could almost fit it in a bathtub."

The helicopter will be able to carry a 450-pound (200 kg) payload and 700 pounds (320 kgs) of fuel, the statement said.

Israel's navy asked the IAI to develop the heli-

ter to supplement Israeli-made reconnaissance drones which are launched from missile boats but cannot be recovered. The drones have been sold to armed forces around the world, including the US navy and marines.

Vladislav Malkevitch, president of the Soviet Chamber of Commerce, arrived in Israel yesterday and said he will look into a joint Soviet-US-Israeli passenger plane project.

"One of the most promising projects that has been in the works for half a year now involves co-operation in the field of aviation... modern airplanes that would carry us in the year 2000, if we are alive by then," Malkevitch said on Israel radio.

"This would be a triangle — the Soviet Union, Israel and the United States. We would supply the planes, since we have the most competitive ones, Israel will supply navigational and measuring equipment," he said. The United States is to provide the engines, he added.

The daily Jerusalem Post newspaper reported that the project calls for upgrading either the Ilyushin-96 or the Tupolev-144, the Soviet planes used to carry passengers and cargo.

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## EVENTS

## VIDEO CORNER

## Trapped hostages

By Shaun Seekins

**DIE HARD 2** brings back Bruce Willis as terrorist fighter John McClane, but this time he switches from skyscrapers to Dulles International Airport at Washington. He has gone there to meet his wife and his day starts out badly when he has his car towed away from under his nose. Being Christmas, the airport is packed to overflowing, and thanks to another airport being closed due to frozen conditions, it looks as though the air traffic controllers are going to be stretched to capacity when all of a sudden disaster strikes. McClane sees something suspicious and follows a man into a restricted area only to be shot at when he challenges them. In the ensuing gunfight he kills one of the terrorists and when he sends the fingerprints through to the LAPD, he finds that the man was supposedly killed in action in Central America two years previously. He is having great difficulty convincing a sceptical airport policeman that this has any great significance when the airport runway lights go out. The control tower then receives a call from the terrorist chief telling them that if they don't follow orders many lives will be lost. Apparently, a Manuel Noriega-like drug runner is about to be delivered to the United States by military transport and his mercenaries have decided to hold the airport to ransom to force the authorities to hand him over. The tension builds when, thanks to an intricate system of remote controls, the terrorists shut down the communications systems with all the aircraft that are in the holding pattern. McClane and an engineer set off to try to restore contact when they are ambushed and several policemen that accompanied them are killed. The leader of the terrorists then decides to teach them all a lesson in a very explicit manner. All this time McClane's ex-wife is circling overhead in the same plane as the irresponsible TV reporter portrayed by William Atherton as in the original *Die Hard*. They still haven't got over their mutual dislike and when Atherton finds out that the airport is being held to ransom his reporting plays into the terrorists' hands by creating panic. The film is directed by Renny Harlin, and although action fans certainly don't have anything to complain about, the suspense of the first *Die Hard* seems to be missing. All we seem to have here is an up-to-date airport disaster epic — nothing wrong in that and the box-office takings prove it.

Me Gibson and Goldie Hawn star in the action-comedy *Bird on a Wire*. Gibson plays Rick Jarman, a nice enough guy who has been moved around the United States for the last fifteen years in the FBI's Witness Relocation Programme. He had gone to Mexico on an innocent drug run (for personal use only), when he was caught by the Feds and forced to rat on a Drug Enforcement agent-turned-dealer (David Carradine).

Now the bad guy is out of prison and looking for revenge, like he wants Jarman dead. Jarman becomes alarmed when an ex-girlfriend buys some petrol at



Mel Gibson and Goldie Hawn in Birds on a Wire.

the garage where he works and seems to recognise him. He phones up his contact with the Feds, only to find out that the contact is no longer there, when he gives his current location and name it isn't long before he receives a visit. Through his contacts, Carradine has managed to find out Jarman's current address. Luckily for him, Hawn is across the road keeping an eye on him and thanks to her quick reactions manages to save him.

# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Differences remain toward Maghreb unity

### Outstanding organisational issues to be studied

ALGIERS, July 25. (Reuters): Maghreb states have agreed to a customs union by 1995 but economic imbalances and organisational disputes could slow their march toward a common market.

Five North African leaders, who formed the Arab Maghreb Union last year, set a timetable for the first time at a summit that ended on Monday for realisation of a tariff-free market.

They hope to meet the challenge of the 1992 single market in Western Europe's Economic Community, their main trading partner, by spurring development now crippled by foreign debt and stagnant industries.

But Algeria, Libya, Tunisia, Mauritania and Morocco failed to agree on the site for the headquarters of their fledgling union, who to appoint as a secretary-general and

what his responsibilities should be.

These issues, which a previous summit in Tunis in January also failed to resolve, could slow the economic integration the Maghreb feels is essential to meet the challenge of the 1990s.

"The customs agreement is historic," said Algerian Foreign Minister Sid Ahmed Ghozali at a post-summit news conference, adding that the outstanding organisational issue would be studied in the months ahead of the next summit in Tripoli.

Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco are all candidates to host the permanent secretariat and none appears willing to withdraw for the moment.

The summit apparently did not agree on previously announced plans to create a common airline, but endorsed five econ-

omic accords on investment, taxes and food security.

These have no immediate practical effect but are to be implemented after careful preparation at the expert and ministerial levels to relieve taxes on trade in agricultural products, encourage inter-Maghreb investment and eliminate double taxation of revenue.

"We should not forget that other economic groupings in the world have not achieved what we have achieved in the same conditions," Moroccan King Hassan said in a speech to the closing session.

The customs agreement, as revealed before the summit closed, sets a first goal of unified tariffs for imported goods by 1991.

North African diplomats say the customs union will need delicate preparation

because of economic imbalances between the five states, which link 65 million people and a combined gross national product of more than \$100 billion annually.

Libya, and especially Algeria, have strong heavy and intermediate industries but relatively underdeveloped consumer goods sectors compared to Tunisia and Morocco.

While this allows some degree of economic complementarity, it also means Algeria and Libya could be flooded with goods from Morocco and Tunisia if tariffs are lifted, putting their own factories at a disadvantage.

The impact of political differences also remains to be seen, notably the 15-year-old conflict that pits independence-seeking Polisario guerrillas backed by Algeria against Morocco.



Maghreb heads of state sign economic integration accords in Algiers. (Reuters wirephoto)

### US clears BA stake in Sabena Airlines

LONDON, July 25. (AP): The Department of Trade and Industry today cleared British Airways PLC's planned linkup with the Belgian carrier Sabena World Airlines, which the European Economic Commission has objected.

The department's decision follows a British Monopolies and Mergers Commission investigation which found that British Airways intended 20 per cent stake in Sabena wouldn't operate against the public interest.

The Sabena deal also calls for KLM Royal Dutch Airways to take a 20 per cent stake in the Belgian airline, which would be 60 per cent-owned by the Belgian government-controlled parent company Sabena SA.

British Airways and KLM were each to pay about \$62 million for their stakes.

The European Commission, which safeguards competition in Europe, decided in June that the deal could hurt competition at the Brussels airport, and the original agreement now is to be renegotiated through talks with the EEC.

The Monopolies and Mergers Commission found in its investigation that British air travellers would benefit from a Brussels-based hub-and-spoke system the airlines want to set up.

The joint venture would increase the choice available on intercontinental flights, the department quoted the commission as saying.

The Monopolies Commission also found that British Airways and Sabena, currently the only airlines serving Brussels from London's Heathrow airport, would be no more likely to raise prices on the route under the new agreement than before. Pricing on the route is governed by Britain's Civil Aviation Authority.

The Monopolies Commission report also found that the CAA would be in a position to restrain Sabena from gaining any future competitive advantage in serving London's other airports from Brussels.

### Business briefs

**PIA chooses Dmars:** Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) has joined the growing network of Dmars' Direct Multi Access Reservation System, the computer reservations facility operated by Dmars.

The airline has chosen Dmars in the Gulf to offer computerised bookings to travel agents.

The link-up was announced at a seminar staged by Dmars and the airline in Dubai on Wednesday. More than 50 travel agents attended. (Press Release)

**Bulgaria plans to raise prices:** Bulgaria's socialist government expects to raise prices by up to 80 per cent on everything except basic food next month, Finance Minister Belcho Belchev said on Tuesday.

"We expect an increase in prices of about 70 to 80 per cent in August," Belchev said. "By the end of the year about 40 per cent of goods in Bulgaria will be affected."

Belchev said the increases were part of a plan to rescue Bulgaria's debt-ridden economy. (Reuters)

**ADB approves aid to Tunisia:** The African Development Bank (ADB) said on Tuesday it had approved a 60 million SDR (\$80 million) line of credit to Tunisia to help the North African country expand its tourism industry.

The Abidjan-based bank said the money would be channeled through the National Bank for the Development of Tourism to finance projects such as the construction of additional hotel rooms. (Reuters)

**Angola's state oil plans changes:** Angola's state oil company Sonangol announced details on Monday of a restructuring plan to divide itself up and become a single contact point for foreign oil firms operating in the country.

Under the plan, Sonangol would become a state-owned holding company with autonomous or semi-autonomous subsidiaries for research and production, distribution and other sectors. (Reuters)

**NBB's mid-90 profits up:** National Bank of Bahrain (NBB), the island's oldest commercial bank, said its net profit for the first half of 1990 rose 12.5 per cent to 5.4 million dinars (\$14.4 million) from the same period last year.

The bank said in a statement the increase in profits was due to a cut in loan loss provisions in 1.9 million dinars (\$5 million) for the first half of 1990 from 2.5 million (\$6.6 million) the previous year. (Reuters)

### No trace of Ukrainian gold in Bank of England

LONDON, July 25. (UPI): A 16 trillion pound hoard of Ukrainian gold is not lying in the vaults of the Bank of England, and the renegade Soviet republic cannot even apply for the purported colossal sum unless it totally secedes from Moscow, officials said today.

In Kiev, members of the Ukrainian parliament which declared sovereignty on July 16 London must hand back the money they claim was deposited some 270 years ago by a Cossack leader when the Eastern European region was independent from Moscow.

They said the barrel of gold, which was hooty owned by Col Pavel Potobok, had appreciated over the centuries to a current worth of £16 billion (\$29 trillion), or six times the US gross domestic product.

A Bank of England spokesman said workers had searched the vaults and scoured their oldest leather-bound ledgers, but found no trace of the gold.

"We have looked but we have not found anything," he said. "And we are not in the habit of losing gold."

The official said the reputable financial house, on which most central banks around the world are modelled, had never had a claim that went back so far in time, with the sum remaining untouched.

Even if the bank located the money — which would be worth \$546.00 for every Ukrainian — it could not hand over anything until the rights of Kiev's claim were established, he said.



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### Sharp decline in US durable goods orders

WASHINGTON, July 25. (AP): Orders to US factories for "big ticket" manufactured goods plunged 3.2 per cent in June, the government said today.

The Commerce Department said demand for durable goods — items expected to last three or more years — suffered a May-to-June decline of \$4.14 billion to a seasonally adjusted \$124.69 billion last month.

The report caught analysts by surprise. They had been expecting a healthy increase following a 4.2 per cent rise in May.

The 3.2 per cent June decline was the weakest performance since a 4.1 per cent drop in April. Orders had fallen 10.5 per cent in January, the biggest drop on record.

### Japan to extend grants to China

TOKYO, July 25. (AP): Japan will extend to China grants of 2.6 billion yen (\$17.3 million) that were delayed because of Beijing's crackdown on dissident last summer, the Foreign Ministry said today.

Japan last week announced plans to resume a loan package worth 810 billion yen (\$5.5 billion) promised to China in 1988 but also frozen because of last June's military attack on pro-democracy protesters in Beijing that killed hundreds of civilians.

A ministry official said on condition of not being identified the grants included 2,481 million yen (\$16.5 million) to improve water purification plants.

In Beijing, former Japanese Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa and Chinese Premier Li Peng said today the first project for the five-year loan package will be chosen by October.

Last week, former Japanese Foreign Minister Hiroshi Mizukawa told Chinese leaders that Tokyo disbursed 60 billion yen (\$811 million) in September as the first payment in the package.

The entire package is for 42 projects covering railways, telecommunications, ports, power plants, airports, fertiliser factories, highways and sewage systems.

Li praised Japan for adopting a "friendly attitude" toward China at the US summit of seven industrialised nations earlier this month. China's official Xinhua news agency reported.

Japanese Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu gained tacit approval from other Western leaders at the summit to resume the loan programme Kaifu said isolating China would hurt regional security.

Xinhua said Li told Miyazawa "now should be the time for action" on the loans.

**Street musicians**

#### Westerners drawn to Tokyo

TOKYO, July 25. (AP): A hundred Japanese oblivious to the giant flashing video screens around Shinjuku Square listen intently as Hank Hirsch's alto saxophone dances around "The Sunny Side of the Street".

Afterwards, spectators approach shyly and drop 1,000 yen (\$6.70) bills into his open case. Hirsch bows, thanks them in Japanese and launches into a jazzy "autumn leaves" with bassist Fukuro Kazuya.

"Down on the street, I make the same money I'd make in a regular gig, but it's much more fun," said Hirsch, 39, originally from Chicago but now living in Kyoto. "I'm communicating with people. ... the people who like it stop and listen."

Hirsch, who also plays in nightclubs and teaches saxophone to Kyoto, later said he split 340,000 yen (\$2,270) with his bassist for six days on the streets of Tokyo.

He is one of hundreds of Western musicians, performance artists, jugglers, mimes, puppets and street merchants drawn to Japan's largest city by its generous tippers and relatively safe streets.

There are risks, including gangsters demanding payoffs from performers on their turf, and an occasional belligerent drunk. Competing Western performers sometimes inform on each other, although the police generally leave them alone if they don't create a disturbance.

"But in Japan, there is a certain respect for the body," said David Findlay of Vancouver, Canada, a mime playing on a street in the Shinjuku entertainment area.

"There's no way I'd do this in Canada — they'd treat me too badly."

Findlay, in whiteface, had a sign saying: "I am a pantomime. Please use your hands to move me freely." Giggling teen-age girls moved his arms and legs into funny positions. Others whooped in delight when he pointed at them, silently trying to manipulate him.

"He is very tough," said one admiring Japanese man. "We cannot do this."

Findlay, 36, said foreigners "can make incredibly good money in Japan if they're any good. It's the fact that you're a foreigner. If a Japanese were doing it, they'd get a different reaction."

Japanese do perform on Tokyo's streets, but usually not for money. Dozens of rock bands play side-by-side on a crowded street near Yoyogi Park, and teen-agers in greased-back hair, black leather and sunglasses dance to

# Bush blasts Democrats for causing the nation's fiscal woes

NEW YORK, July 25. (Reuters): US President George Bush yesterday ignored an agreement to avoid partisan rhetoric on the budget and blasted Democrats for causing the nation's fiscal woes.

Bush, who had muted his criticism of congressional Democrats during a speech in Philadelphia earlier in the day, took broad swipes at his rival party during a fund-raising dinner in New York.

"Twenty-nine out of the last 35 years of Democratic dominance in Congress have taken their toll," Bush complained.

"Like Republican presidents before me, I know that to deal with a Democrat Congress is to often face government by gridlock — with spending skyrocketing out of control, good legislation thrown aside for pork, and a budget deficit looming over our children's children," he said.

During a speech to promote the candidacy of New York Republican gubernatorial candidate Pierre Rinfret in his bid to unseat Democratic Governor Mario Cuomo, Bush said: "We all know that the Democrats have a long track record on spending."

Bush met with Democratic and Republican leaders at the White House earlier in the day and agreed the political rhetoric should be toned down as they seek a bipartisan agreement on dealing with the deficit.

Deputy White House spokesman Stephen Hart insisted that Bush had not violated the verbal truce, saying the attack "does not go directly to the budget process." Hart said the comments were an attack on Congress and not the budget negotiations.

House majority leader Richard Gephardt,

a Missouri Democrat, said that President Bush's recent attacks on congressional Democrats at Republican fund-raising events aren't helping the process of finding a compromise.

"One of the things discussed today was to stop the political debate and start the substantive debate and to try to cut down on the political comment that's gone on all sides," Gephardt told reporters outside the White House.

Bush himself seemed downbeat, refusing to

answer questions at a picture-taking session at the start of yesterday's meeting. "Don't even try, I'm in a bad mood today," Bush told reporters. He did not elaborate.

Gephardt said that Bush had agreed to cool down his attacks and "I think you're going to see that happen."

Gephardt, who is the leader of the "budget summit" negotiations when Bush is not present, said he still thought it possible that accord could be reached by early August, when Congress begins its summer recess.

"But I don't know for absolute sure that we can do that," he added. "It may be that we can't get all of it done. But we're going to give it the good old college try."

House speaker Thomas S. Foley said decisions remain to be made on the precise amount of deficit reduction that would be sought, and how much of the savings would come from new taxes and spending cuts. Battered gainer have said they expect a compromise to contain about \$50 billion in savings, divided in half between revenues and spending reductions.

# Timetable set to prevent failure

## Gatt negotiators sidestep clashes

GENEVA, July 25. (Agencies): The United States, European Community and other major trading nations drafted an intensified negotiating timetable on Wednesday aimed at rescuing the stalled Uruguay Round trade liberalisation talks.

At the same time, the EC publicly reaffirmed its commitment to the four-year talks scheduled to end in December.

"The community repeats its commitment to play its full part in concluding these negotiations," EC external relations director Hugo Paemen told a meeting of high officials to assess the situation with just four months left.

"The Uruguay Round remains an essential priority for the community," he said.

Paemen told a news conference that he also met privately with US delegates to dismiss doubts voiced by Washington about the EC's fundamental position.

"We said we didn't know why there were such doubts and reaffirmed the community's commitment to a successful conclusion," he said.

Officials said the review meeting would end Thursday, one day earlier than scheduled, because negotiators wanted to get back to capitals quickly to report and get new instructions.

Paemen and other ranking delegates said an accelerated and upgraded negotiating timetable would be announced Thursday by Arthur Dunkel, director-general of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt).

The draft programme, they said, included several key dates:

■ Sept. 30: Presentation of detailed national agricultural support and export subsidy schemes and possible reductions.

■ Oct. 8: A return to Geneva of high government officials to meet "on a more or less permanent basis" to reinforce the lower-ranking permanent negotiating teams.

■ Oct. 15: Presentation by governments of improved market access offers.

■ Nov. 15: A draft package covering all 15 Uruguay Round sectors to be submitted to participants by Dunkel.

■ Dec. 4: Trade ministers meet in Brussels to try and complete a full agreement.

Negotiators appeared eager to wrap up the latest session of world trade bargaining without engaging in the rough-and-tumble politics that have dogged the talks for four years.

Delegates predicted this week's meeting of General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) negotiations would end sooner than most had expected — perhaps by Thursday — although they could not rule out a last-minute clash.

"We would have been happier if we could have seen more effort by chief negotiators to take on more issues than they appear willing to do," a Gatt official said.

At loggerheads over farm trade reform since the Uruguay Round of talks was launched in 1986, the United States and the European Community agreed to get down to serious bargaining next month.

And delegates endorsed reports spelling out differences and negotiating timetables in 14 other areas, ranging from textiles to trademarks.

But, as one delegate put it, "the agreements to disagree" only postponed painful decisions, leaving little time in talks that are due to end in December.

"I would have liked to have accomplished more," commented chief US negotiator Julius Katz.

## Brazil negotiates oil deal with Iran

BRASILIA, Brazil, July 25. (AP): The government has begun talks with Iran to resume oil purchases as a hedge against impending shortages and higher prices, officials said.

Brazil's powerful Minister of Infrastructure, Ozires Silva, met on Monday with an Iranian delegation headed by Deputy Prime Minister Majid Hedayat-zadeh to discuss a new oil agreement.

Silva said Iran "showed great interest" in resuming oil sales to Brazil. Until last September, this country received 80,000 barrels of crude oil a day from Iran in exchange for Brazilian goods, including arms.

Brazil produces 665,000 barrels of oil daily and consumes about 1.1 million barrels.

Silva said the days of low oil prices soon would end.



## Iran to seek \$17.5b in foreign loans

### Post-war reconstruction

NICOSIA, July 25. (AP): The head of Iran's Central Bank said Tehran will seek \$17.5 billion in foreign loans to build a production project, the Islamic Republic News Agency reported today.

However, Rafsanjani's hardline opposition, led by former interior minister Ali Akbar Mohtashemi, is opposed to the government's economic and foreign policies.

From his seat in the parliament, won after he was sacked by Rafsanjani last year, Mohtashemi has vehemently argued against foreign borrowing on the grounds it will plunge Iran into an endless cycle of debt.

Rafsanjani's five-year economic plan, launched last year, already calls for \$27 billion in foreign investment. But his government had previously said it would not seek straight loans.

Adeli's comments were the first indication that Tehran may have modified its earlier decision.

Iran's excellent credit situation should make it relatively easy to raise foreign loans, experts say.

holding convertible currency for decades. But growing contact with the West since Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev came to power has greatly increased expectations, smuggling and the black market.

Sitaryan said the government would reconsider its interest rate policy for these deposits in foreign currency accounts, as an additional incentive for depositors.

Interest, damned in communist ideology as exploitation by capitalists, has traditionally been minimal or non-existent.

Sitaryan, a key figure in Gorbachev's plans to convert to a "planned market economy," said a reason for the new policy was that Soviet enterprises had begun hoarding foreign currency reserves to keep their workers happy.

He forecast that once the new system was in place the government would earn healthy foreign currency income from it. But he said the government was aware it could provoke protests from some sectors of society.

## Creating jobs to cut influx into US

WASHINGTON, July 25. (AP): Creating jobs in Mexico and other countries is the only long-term way to end illegal immigration into the United States, a special commission told Congress after a three-year study.

Diego C. Asencio, a former US Assistance Secretary of State, headed the commission for the study of International Migration and Co-operative Economic Development. Congress set up the 12-member group in 1986. Asencio testified yesterday before the foreign affairs committee of the House of Representatives.

Commission and committee members agreed that there are millions of illegal immigrants in the United States but that there is no reliable figure.

"In the short term, economic development actually promotes rather than retards outmigration," he said.

"However, promoting economic development is the proper way to proceed if we are serious about stemming unauthorised migration in this hemisphere over the long term, and I must emphasize that we are talking about a process that will probably take decades."

The commission recommended creating a new agency for migration affairs to take charge of refugees and immigrants.

"As a young vice-consul I could never understand why one agency should allow immigrants to come in and another decide if that was right," Asencio said.

Consults, who work for the State Department, issue visas in other countries for entry into the United States. The Immigration and Naturalisation Service of the Justice Department has authority over them after they arrive. That includes authority to issue the precious green cards that give them the right to work.

Asencio said the first reaction he had from the State Department was unfavourable to his proposed new agency.

"Some people would lose their jobs and they don't like that," he explained.

The commission said any major US decision on aid and trade for other countries should have with it an "impact statement" to show the effect of the decision on immigration.

Congressman Sam Gejdenson, himself an immigrant, complained that although official US policies encourage immigration, ways are always found to bring in workers when they are needed.

The commission also recommended:

■ Speeding creation of a free-trade area with Mexico and bringing it into the free-trade area with Canada;

■ Supporting free trade with other Western hemisphere countries but leaving the initiative to them;

■ Gradually letting Mexico and Caribbean countries ship to the United States to the cloth, clothes and steel new coming from Asia;

■ Increasing sugar imports from the Caribbean;

■ Linking trade benefits to rights of workers in the exporting country, particularly the rights of workers in the assembly plants along Mexico's border;

■ Encouraging foreign investment in Mexico.

## Business News Briefs

### Iraq, Saudi accord: Iraq and Saudi Arabia signed an agreement in Baghdad on Sunday, under which the kingdom will finance the development of an electricity grid in the Iraqi southern port city of Basra.

The accord stipulates the financing of reconstruction and renovation of the electricity network.

The agreement was signed by Iraqi Trade Minister Dr Mohammed Mehdi Saleh and the vice-president of the Saudi Development Fund, Mohammed Bin Abdallah. (Opecna)

### Turkey raises wages: Turkey on Tuesday raised minimum monthly wages for agricultural and industrial workers by 84 per cent to 414,000 lira (\$155) from 225,000 lira (\$84).

The rise reported by the Anatolian News Agency, is to offset annual inflation of 62.6 per cent at the end of June. It will be effective from August 1.

The government gave 25 per cent semi-annual salary rises to civil servants in July, sparking demonstrations by employees who expected more. (Reuters)

### Raycom tie-up: NKK Corp., the world's largest steel pipe maker, said Tuesday it has signed a business tie-up agreement with Raycom Systems Inc. of the United States for the manufacture and sale of Raycom's high-speed optical fiber in-house information and data communication network systems.

The Tokyo-based company said Raycom's Local Area Network (LAN) will go to the Japanese market in August under the name of Transway. (UPI)

### Jakarta plant order: Indonesia's electricity authority Perusahaan Umum Listrik Negara has ordered a 1,500-megawatt, dual-fuel natural gas and coal-fired combined cycle power plant, the world's largest of its kind, from a Japanese-West German group, the Japanese partner said Wednesday.

The 100 billion yen (\$667 million) order was received jointly by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd and Siemens AG of West Germany, the Japanese company said. (UPI)

### Kawasaki to invest: Kawasaki Steel Corp. said Wednesday it plans to invest at least \$1.5 billion to renovate production facilities at its joint venture with US steel maker Arco.

The project calls for improvement of production facilities at Arco's Steel Co., established in Middlebury, Ohio, in May last year by Kawasaki and Arco. (UPI)

### Sumitomo subsidiaries in US: Leading Japanese commercial bank Sumitomo Bank announced Wednesday a major restructuring plan to consolidate its non-banking operations in the United States.

The company said a wholly owned subsidiary will be established in New York to supervise operations of two existing non-banking subsidiaries and three others to be launched and provide management services to them. (UPI)

### \$155m damages awarded: A federal judge on Tuesday awarded \$155 million in damages to the French government and other interests harmed by the 1978 oil spill from the supertanker Amoco Cadiz.

Judge Charles Norgle of the US District Court basically affirmed a damage award originally set in January of 1988. The matter is subject to further appeals and it may be years before any of the parties involved receive the money. (Reuters)

### Toyota to build new plants: Japan's top automaker Toyota Motor Corp. announced Friday it will build a new assembly plant and two auto parts manufacturing facilities in southern and northern Japan to ease the labor situation.

The Nagoya-based company said the assembly plant with annual capacity of 200,000 small-sized luxury cars will be built in Fukuoka prefecture (state) of Japan's southernmost main island of Kyushu. (UPI)

### Eastern Airlines, managers to be indicted

NEW YORK, July 25. (AP): The Federal government will indict Eastern Airlines and some of its managers on charges of conspiracy and maintenance violations at airports early last year, the company said yesterday.

The announcement added to the uncertain outlook for one of the nation's most troubled airlines, which has been struggling for more than a year under federal bankruptcy protection brought on by a bitter strike.

Martin R. Shugrue, the bankruptcy-court appointed trustee who has been running Eastern for about three months, announced the impending indictment at a news conference in New York.

Shugrue said the US Attorney's Office in Brooklyn, which has been investigating the alleged violations for a year, informed the airline that it and a number of unidentified managers would be indicted shortly by a

Brooklyn grand jury for violations at repair stations in two air traffic controllers.

Eastern's lawyers met with federal prosecutors earlier this month in an attempt to reach a deal that would avoid a criminal indictment.

Shugrue said Eastern had been willing to plead guilty to maintenance irregularities but refused to acknowledge a criminal con-

## Kremlin announces new policy

### Radical plans to mop up foreign currency

MOSCOW, July 25. (Reuters): The Soviet government has announced radical plans to mop up foreign currency, introducing real interest rates, an effective amnesty for black market dollars and stops to smuggling.

Sitaryan said the government would reconsider its interest rate policy for these deposits in foreign currency accounts, as an additional incentive for depositors.

Interest, damned in communist ideology as exploitation by capitalists, has traditionally been minimal or non-existent.

Sitaryan, a key figure in Gorbachev's plans to convert to a "planned market economy," said a reason for the new policy was that Soviet enterprises had begun hoarding foreign currency reserves to keep their workers happy.

He forecast that once the new system was in place the government would earn healthy foreign currency income from it. But he said the government was aware it could provoke protests from some sectors of society.

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## Indian Cinema

# Amitabh seeks a miracle

By Firoze Rangoonwala  
Arab Times correspondent

**SUPERSTAR** Amitabh Bachchan has been waiting for a box-office hit for a long time. It eludes him. He craves for renewed success. It's yet to come. The question now being asked is in trade circles is whether the superstar will get a miraculous hit in coming months.

Bachchan himself admits: "None of my coming films have anything that can be called exactly new."

What is he banking on? Charisma. Obviously. And gimmicks combining action, comedy and song-dance routines. Will he avoid them? Not really, at least not in his forthcoming ventures.

Bachchan's myth lives on. Trade circles juggle figures and claim his films may not be successful at the box office yet his name manages to recover costs. Some glibly claim that films like *Sheshshai* and *Toofan* raked in a million. Mamnhan Desai claims his *Ganga*, *Jamuna*, *Saraswati* was a runaway hit in Bengal and Central India. His claim is like someone claiming he saw the peacock dance in the jungle.

Only the distributors know the truth. They are the people who recover the box-office gains and count the rupees.

Producers are playing safe. They are cautious about launching a new venture with Bachchan, who has not signed a new movie in the past few months. Planned projects like *Tinnu* Anand's *Mohakal* have been abandoned. Perhaps, Bachchan is playing the wait-and-see game to set the trends and plan his strategy.

Producers are finding it difficult to sell Bachchan films. *Ajoka* has not been sold in Andhra Pradesh and south India, which covers Kerala and Karnataka. *Aj Ka Arjun* was sold for the territories of Bombay, Delhi-UP, Central Provinces and Central India. This film has not been sold in ten zones and sub-zones. *Akaylo*, on the contrary, has to be sold for three territories. But Bachchan is not keen on its release. It features *Mitankish*, *Sishadhi* and *Anita Singh*. Bachchan's pairing with them in recent movies flopped.

Distributors in east Punjab have bought *Hum*. It has also been sold for Bengal, Andhra and Tamil Nadu. *Indrojeet* has been bought for Delhi-UP (the Hindi belt) and Andhra. Despite Sri Devi as co-star, the rights for *Khuda Gawah* are open everywhere except Bengal and Rajasthan.

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Previously, Bachchan starrers did not require such tactics. In fact, producers sold the film as soon as the shooting started. The zonal price included the super-

star's share as part of his fee. Those days have gone by when films were booked on a star's pull and banner. Like in the case of *Suhash Ghai's Saugat* and

the Indo-Soviet movie, *Shikari*.

Everyone is waiting impatiently to find out how Bachchan starrers are received. Shashi Kapoor's Indo-Soviet production *Ajoka*, which has been delayed, comes at a time when Bachchan's image is still soiled in the public eye. Also looming large is his brother's alleged involvement and the Swiss property deals. Bachchan's protests have made matters worse.

However, if a film director manages to capture the fancy of cinegoers, it succeeds regardless of other factors. Also, Bachchan must live up to their illusions and resist from mouthing homilies on truth, justice and honesty, avoiding attack on politicians.

*Ajoka* is what you may describe as "an innocent film." Bachchan plays Ali, a lost prince of a fictitious kingdom known as Bahristan. Shammi Kapoor plays the king who yearns for a child. When his son is born, an Indian king (Dara Singh) and a wizard (Saeed Jaffrey) are invited for a ceremony. The evil minister (Amrish Puri) snatches the wizard's talisman to plot the child's death. The wizard is taken prisoner. The queen escapes with her son but the child is lost in a storm. He grows up in the home of a blacksmith.

In the meantime, the wizard's wife gives birth to a girl who grows up to be Dimple. Ali becomes a masked cavalier and helps people against the tyranny of the evil minister, whose daughter (Sonam) is in love with a porter. Ali helps the porter (Rishi Kapoor) win over his lady love (Sonam).

Dimple, after learning about her father's dilemma, goes to Bahristan, and is taken prisoner. Ali's mother is also captured. Ali eventually breaks the circle of evil — with the help of some magic.

A village drama of tyranny and revenge is rehashed in K.C. Bokadia's *Aaj Ka Arjun*. Amrish Puri, once again, plays the ruthless Thakur who usurps the property of the hapless peasants. When a peasant (Suresh Oberoi) refuses to give up his land, Puri's banchi molests his wife (Preeti Sapru). Bhima (Bachchan) comes to her rescue. Jaya Prada falls in love with him. To complicate matters, Bhima's educated sister Radhika falls into a trap and marries the villain's son (Rishabh Shukla). She is driven out by her husband and father-in-law. She dies leaving her son, who is looked after by Jaya. The villagers, under pressure, turn against Bhima and Jaya, who then take shelter in the home of a kind inspector (Anupam Kher). The child is kidnapped; the inspector killed. And it is time to settle scores and a blood-spilling climax.

Well, let's wait and see who scores a point: *Ajoka* or *Arjun*, or both.



### Quiz

## Are you a social hit or a miss?

By Judy Byrne

**Everyone likes to be liked.**

*For some of us popularity is so important we would sell our grandmothers' pension books for it. For others, it would just be the icing on the cake if life panned out that way.*

*But how do you know? How can you tell if you are a social hit — or a miss?*

*This quiz will help you find out. Just answer the questions below quite quickly, without too much reflection or contemplation.*

1. You are invited to a fancy dress party. Do you:
  - wear something that will be good for a laugh
  - wear something you know will look good in
  - ignore the fact that it is supposed to be fancy dress or
  - stay home?
2. Your plane falls through and you are suddenly left with an unexpected free evening stretching ahead of you. Do you:
  - read or watch television
  - phone or call on a friend
  - go out somewhere
  - catch up on housework or
  - catch up on letters you owe?
3. If you borrow money do you:
  - always pay it back
  - usually pay it back
  - usually pay it back — eventually
  - probably not pay it back or
  - not applicable. You don't borrow money?
4. Do people come to your home without being invited or phoning you first:
  - often
  - once in a while
  - rarely or
  - never?
5. Do you think deodorant is:
  - essential
  - essential in hot weather
  - optional or
  - strictly for whims?
6. On your birthday, do you usually have presents, cards or calls from:
  - lots of people
  - a few family and friends only
  - only people you remember to remind
  - only one person or
  - no one
7. In a group at a party, do you find you do:
  - most of the talking
  - an average amount of talking
  - less talking than other people or
  - very little or no talking
8. If someone plays a practical joke, do you:
  - laugh at it
  - endure it
  - ignore it or
  - avenge it?
9. Do you play practical jokes:
  - often
  - sometimes
  - rarely
  - only when you have to pay someone back for one or
  - never?
10. Do you go to the cinema or theatre or swimming on your own:
  - often
  - sometimes
  - rarely or
  - never
11. Has someone other than your partner asked you if you would like to go on holiday with them:
  - in the last six months
  - in the last year
  - in the last five years
  - in the last ten years or
  - more than ten years ago or never?
12. At school, were you picked for sports teams:
  - first, or among the first
  - with the crowd
  - towards the end or
  - last?

HOW TO SCORE	
a	b
c	d
e	
1.	15
2.	5
3.	20
4.	10
5.	5
6.	0
7.	15
8.	10
9.	0
10.	5
11.	20
12.	10
13.	5
14.	20
15.	10

### WHAT YOUR SCORE MEANS

**180 - 260:** You are very popular, if you have answered all the questions truthfully. You mix easily and have a wide circle of friends and people find you fun to be with. Your relationships tend to be built in fast.

But take care that being popular does not matter too much to you. Your score, especially if it was nearer the 260 than the 180 end of this category, also indicates that you try hard to make and keep friends.

If you try too hard, you could find it having the opposite effect.

**90 - 175:**

You are enough of a hit to satisfy you. Having lots of friends matters less to you than having a smaller number with whom you are compatible and feel very comfortable and relaxed.

Carry on as you are.

**0 - 85:**

You are rather a miss on the social scene. Which may, of course, be by choice. If you are happy as you are, don't bother to read on. Having a wide circle of friends is not compulsory. But if you feel you would like to be more of a hit but lack the social skills, re-reading the questions above and having a look at which questions scored highest might give you a few useful tips.



Chawla: 'I see my success in letters'.

### Mini Meet: Juhu Chawla.

## Male fans are shy

*Is it not your misfortune that when your film succeeds, your hero Aamir Khan gets all the credit?*

*Fan craze for heroes is always more intense and open-hearted. For heroines, it is restrained. Male fans in India are a bit shy, and afraid of being misunderstood or manhandled. I see my success in letters ... about 200 per day ... which come to my house.*

*How do you get your address?*

*Some papers in Indian languages publish them along with star interviews. There are also film directories.*

*What kind of letters do they write?*

*Some flatter you for your beauty, some admire your acting or a particular style. And many (giggles) ... ask for your hand in marriage.*

*How do you satisfy them?*

*With an autographed photo. Have your parents left you because of rumours and scandals?*

*Not at all. I took a house in Versova to be near the shooting spots. From our city home, I had to travel 40 km everyday.*

*You have not over-glamorised or over-exposed yourself. How, then, have you managed?*

*I don't need any god-fathering by any producer or hero. Nor has anyone come forward to do it. But glamour within limits has paid off.*

*Are daring dresses necessary?*

*A heroine can never be covered from head to foot. But why pick on actresses? Just look at the clothes of women from the high society in Bombay. We look orthodox.*

*What is the future of women in films and film world?*

*We are safe in the sense that no film can be made without a woman. Otherwise, women in films or elsewhere face the same problems. If we are not tough or determined, people are bound to harass or exploit us.*

Did *Kishan Kanhaiya* require any acting from anyone? Mind you, I am not making fun of Anil Kapoor.

Shalrughan Sinha

If a producer gives a star his favourite Chinese food, is he going to give a better shot?

Rishi Kapoor

Don't make me fight ten people. At the most I can manage two.

Aamir Khan

I did not fulfil my father's wish. He wanted me to become a professor.

Dharmendra



Amitabh made me give up cigarettes. Now how can I give him tips to look young and fit.

Jeeelendra

### Behind the scenes

• Mahesh Bhatt and Anupam Kher had a bitter quarrel over the climax scenes of *Ashiqui* and *Dil*. Bhatt claimed that this original climax in *Ashiqui* was piffered by the *Dil* (valas) who had shot and rejected two other sequences. The culprit who passed on the secret info was Kher, who saw a preview of Bhatt's film and attended the *Dil* filming. Now *Dil* being released first took the wind out of Bhatt's sails and made him a copy-cat.

• Vinod Khanna took full advantage of his sudden marriage to go back to his usual tricks, of hunking the shootings, coming late, going away early and so on. The producers and directors also had to give in without a murmur, as it was the "noble" cause of a newly married couple. Only a unit

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## The Charcoal-Burner



The charcoal-burner has tales to tell.  
He lives in the Forest,  
Alone in the Forest;  
He sits in the Forest,  
Alone in the Forest.  
And the sun comes slanting between the trees,  
And rabbits come up, and they give him good-morning.  
And rabbits come up and say, "Beautiful morning" ...  
And the moon swings clear of the tall black trees,  
And owls fly over and wish him good-night,  
Quietly over to wish him good-night ...  
And he sits and thinks of the things they know,  
He and the Forest, alone together -  
The springs that come and the summers that go,  
Autumn dew on bracken and heather,  
The drip of the Forest beneath the snow ...  
All the things they have seen,  
All the things they have heard:  
An April sky swept clean and the song of a bird ...



Oh, the charcoal-burner has tales to tell!  
And he lives in the Forest and knows us well.



## The Coops Again



## PUPPY GOOPS

CANDY in the cushions  
Of the easy-chair;  
Raisins in the sofa —  
How did they get there?  
The little Goop who's greedy  
Does it every day,  
Like a little puppy,  
Hiding bones away!

## Just for laughs!

Mr and Mrs Thorne had just reached the airport in the nick of time to catch the plane for their fortnight's holiday in Majorca. "I wish we'd brought the piano with us," said Mr Thorne.

"What on earth for?" asked his wife.

"I've left the tickets on it."

"And on this tour, ladies and gentlemen," explained the guide, "we shall be going where the hand of man has never set foot!"

Heavily encumbered with bags and cases, the would-be passenger hurtled across the station concourse, through the barrier and on to the platform — just in time to see his train pulling out. As he stood there, puffing and panting, with sweat streaming down his reddened face, a sympathetic porter said to him, "Just missed your train, sir?"

"No, you fool," fumed the man. "I didn't like the look of it so I chased it out of the station!"

In China," said the returned tourist, "I saw a woman hanging from a tree." "Shanghai?" "No, about six foot off the ground."

"I come from California." "Oh, nice to meet you. I've enjoyed your Syrup of Figs for years."

"Ah'm frae Glasgow," said the Scot.

"Are you, now?" replied the Cockney. "Jus' dahn' er' ter learn the langwidge, are yer?"

"What do you think of this suit? I had it made in Hong Kong."

"Very nice. But what's that hump on the back?"

"Oh, that's the tailor. He's still working on it."

The newly-arrived young Chinese lad from Hong Kong rang his brother who was living in Manchester. The young man was speaking in laborious English when his brother interrupted him, saying, "Why don't you speak in Chinese?"

"Oh," said the newcomer, "I didn't know English telephones could speak Chinese!"

## Count on 12

Use an abacus or rods to help you.

$$25 + 12 = 37$$

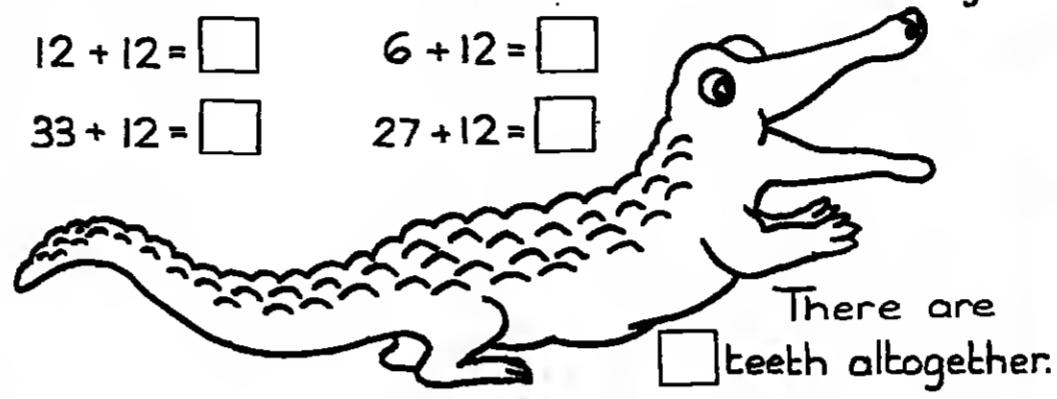
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	• :
	3 7

$$\begin{array}{l} 25 + 12 = \boxed{\phantom{00}} \\ 31 + 12 = \boxed{\phantom{00}} \\ 56 + 12 = \boxed{\phantom{00}} \\ 12 + 12 = \boxed{\phantom{00}} \\ 33 + 12 = \boxed{\phantom{00}} \end{array}$$

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Give the crocodile 12 teeth on his top jaw, and 12 teeth on his bottom jaw.

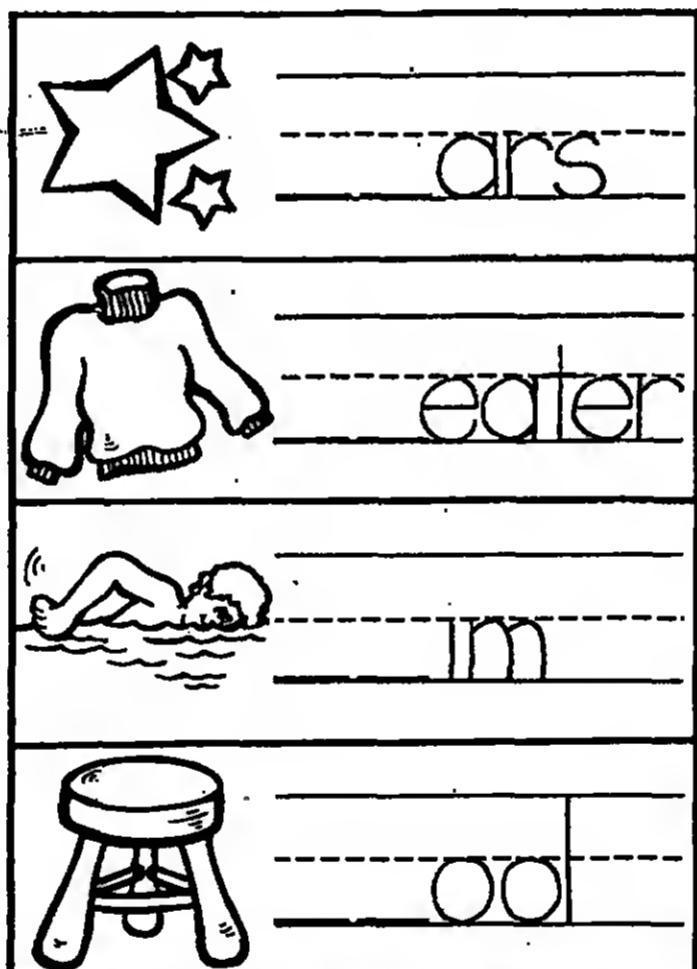


There are  teeth altogether.

## Count on in twelves.

Use an abacus, rods or a number square to help you. 0 →  →

Print the two-letter blend you hear at the beginning of the words. Color the pictures.



## Crack the code

These Mortions talk like typewriters! Using the code below, can you work out what they are saying?

A =	K =	U =
B =	L =	V =
C =	M =	W =
D =	N =	X =
E =	O =	Y =
F =	P =	Z =
G =	Q =	
H =	R =	
I =	S =	
J =	T =	

WHY DID THE MARTIAN  
NEED A HANKIE?

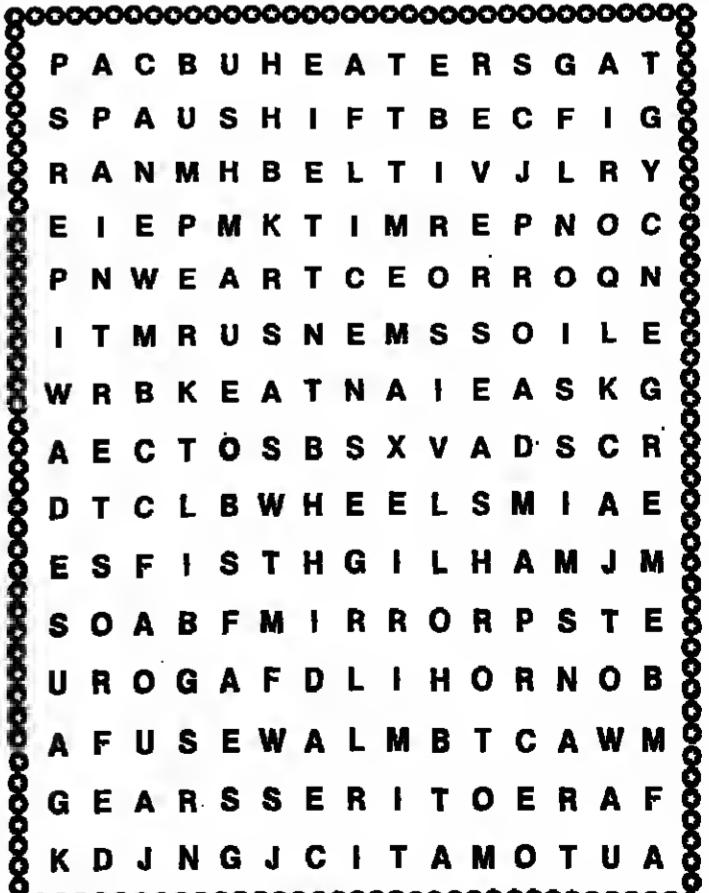
BECAUSE  
HE HAD A  
CODE  
IN THE  
DOSE!



## YOU "AUTO" KNOW

The transmission, tires, motor. There's so much to know about the workings of an automobile. If you're due for a trip to the mechanic, perhaps you can use our puzzle as a check list. Hope everything is running well.

AIR	FUSE	LIGHTS	REVERSE	TRAFFIC
AUTOMATIC	GAS	LOAN	RIM	TRANSMISSION
BELT	GEARS	MAT	ROAD MAP	USED
BRAKE	HEATER	MIRROR	SHIFT	WEAR
BUMPER	HORN	MOTOR	STEER	WHEELS
DEFROSTER	HUBCAP	NEW	TAGS	WIPERS
EMERGENCY	JACK	OIL	TEST	VISOR
EXAM	LAW	PAINT	TIRES	
FAN	LICENSE	PERMIT	TOW	



## BLONDIE BY GENE MARSHALL



## MASCOT THE HORSE



## THE DEDUCTIVE



## BEEFY BERNIE



## THE WIZARD OF OZ



## ANDY CAPP



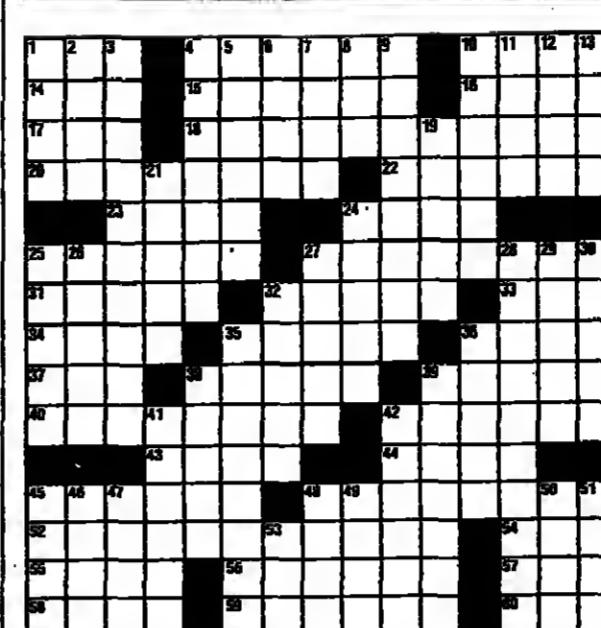
## B.C. — BY SCOTT KELLY



## HE-MAN — BY ADRIAN STERK



## HOBBIES CROSSWORD



**ACROSS**  
 1 Alas, in Augsburg  
 4 Jamaican music  
 10 Lily of opera fame  
 14 Furrow maker  
 15 Beethoven's Third  
 16 "Garfield" pooh  
 17 Memorabilia  
 18 Foundation  
 20 Places for slippers  
 22 Bride's married attendant  
 23 Past due  
 24 Boob —  
 25 Sleuthed after  
 27 Turned over a new leaf  
 31 De Mille or Moorehead  
 32 Earthware from Holland  
 33 Biblical lion  
 34 Clark's colleague  
 35 Removes rind  
 36 Storage areas  
 37 Shorebird  
 38 "Wow!"  
 39 Lose control  
 40 Annie and Andy, e.g.  
 42 Gossips' posts?  
 43 Balin and Claire  
 44 Wales of Poland  
 45 Ted  
 48 Ocean routes  
 52 Night club expense  
 54 NBA pro  
 55 Cupid  
 56 TV sound equipment

**DOWN**  
 1 Maitville's whaler  
 2 Pine growth  
 3 Playing the lead  
 4 Tails  
 5 Ground down  
 6 Skirt insert  
 7 Cotton machines  
 8 Koufax was one  
 9 Winter wear  
 10 Peter Rabbit's creator  
 11 Bouquet  
 12 Senora's child  
 13 Spotted  
 19 Wooden shoe  
 21 Retail events  
 24 Theo of "Kojak"  
 25 Old German  
 26 Plato shopped here  
 27 Film segments  
 28 Best opportunity  
 29 Pyle or Kovacs  
 30 Platters  
 32 Small valleys  
 35 Martian landscape feature  
 38 Chemin-de-fer challenge  
 39 Hopeless case  
 40 Noble woman  
 41 Redrect  
 42 Wine vessel  
 43 Use radar  
 45 Plate at Fenway  
 47 Promise  
 48 Le Marquis de  
 49 Buffalo's lake  
 50 Actor Bruce  
 51 Kind of poker  
 53 Wallace's Ben

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**  
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We have repeatedly stressed that the secret of winning bridge is to search for that little extra percentage which enables you to utilize your assets to best advantage. Can you find the edge on this hand?

Because of South's flat distribution, the jump to four hearts is a little aggressive. However, the diamond fit improves South's holding, and the last three tricks with the ace of diamonds and two winning trumps.

the point count, so we won't belabor the issue.

West started with the ace, king and another spade, and declarer was relieved when East did not ruff the third round. The contract seemed to hinge on finding East with one of the two missing diamond honors. In view of the auction, though, there was a distinct possibility that West held both the king and queen of diamonds. However, the double also meant that West was likely to be short in hearts, and that presented declarer with an additional chance.

After drawing only two rounds of trumps with the queen and jack, declarer cashed the king and ace of clubs and ruffed a club. Then a diamond was led to South's eight.

West won the queen and, had that defender been able to exit with a trump, declarer would have had to fall back on another diamond finesse. As the cards lay, however, West was endplayed. A diamond return would be into declarer's tenace, so West tried a club. That proved to be no better. Declarer ruffed in dummy while discarding a diamond from hand, then scored the last three tricks with the ace of diamonds and two winning trumps.



"He's a long-haired terrier."

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## Aries

March 21 - April 19

You may have some good luck and you would do better to rely on shrewd judgment. If you expect others to do what you would like you will be disappointed. There will be delays in the post, try to allow for them. Be sensible.

## Taurus

April 20 - May 20

Your appetite will be good, but do not eat more than you know you should. Take an opportunity to give your partner a pleasant surprise. Everything is taking that much longer so concentrate on what has to be done. Be reliable.

## Gemini

May 21 - June 20

There is a tendency towards stomach upsets so take even more care than usual about what you eat. You will have an opportunity to do what you like doing but must not neglect what has to be done. Do not lose the courage of your convictions. Be prompt.

## Cancer

June 21 - July 22

A setback should not be allowed to discourage you altogether. Your lucky numbers are 6 and 18. Watch out for mistakes not those made by you but also those made by others. Do not check your results, do not rely too much on calculators and the like. Be sincere.

## Leo

July 23 - Aug 22

You will have to do something in respect of which you are a little out of practice. However persevere and you will soon get back into your stride. Do not expect everyone to agree with you. Be reasonable.

## Virgo

Aug 23 - Sept 22

Learning to use a computer will stand you in good stead — no need to go into programming if you do not wish. Make sure you do not spend more than you earn just now. Do not promise more than you are sure you can perform. Be frank.

## Libra

Sept 23 - Oct 22

What you had thought would prove to be easy will in fact turn out to be very difficult. Never just passively sit and keep your mind on what you are doing. This is not a good time to take any undue risks even if the rewards are high — assuming that you have lots of luck.

## Scorpio

Oct 23 - Nov 22

You will tend to get into a muddle by confusing what you would like to be with what is. Make sure you do all you can to avoid falling into a trap. Do not let a friend of yours down. Be tolerant.

## Sagittarius

Nov 23 - Dec 22

Not everything will be to your liking but try to make the most of what is. Maintaining a sensible weight is far more desirable than periodic crash diets. Treat an injury or it will become much more serious. Be optimistic.

## Capricorn

Dec 23 - Jan 22

Beware of "bargains" that you do not need and are therefore nothing of the kind where you are concerned. Only when you have done what must be done should you proceed what you like doing. Make sure your facts are relevant and not out of date. Be relevant.

## Aquarius

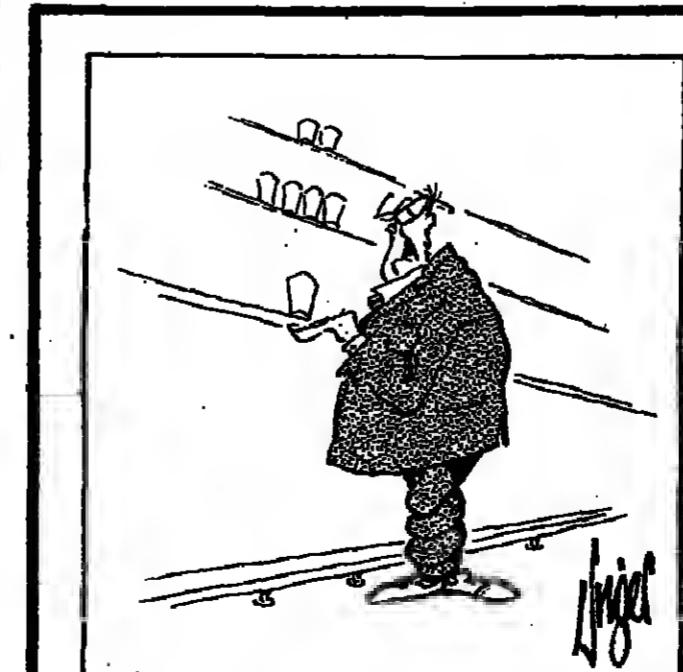
Jan 23 - Feb 19

You are too old to learn only when you stop making the effort to do so. Do not think that calculators are infallible, if the results do not seem to make sense they could well be wrong. Try to take a disappoiment in your stride. Be consistent.

## Pisces

Feb 20 - March 20

The more you rely on yourself the better off you are. You will have to deal with some rather unusual factors and should "play it safe." Stick to your principles without being dogmatic. Be generous.



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## Asahifuji promoted to top rank of sumo wrestlers

TOKYO, July 25. (AP): Asahifuji, a long-time sumo contender and winner of the recent Nagoya Grand Sumo Tournament, was promoted to the 2,000-year-old sport's highest rank, sumo officials said today.

In a short ceremony in Asahifuji's

training stable in Nagoya, central Japan, two members of the Japan Sumo Association informed Asahifuji of their decision to make him Japan's 63rd Yokozuna, or grand champion.

"In order not to embarrass the name of Yokozuna, I will muster all my stren-

gth, make my best effort, pay attention to my health and work toward the perfection of mind and body," he said, upon receiving the new rank.

The 30-year-old wrestler won the championship in the Nagoya Grand Sumo Tournament, which ended Sun-

day, with a 14-1 record. He also won the previous tournament 14-1.

Promotion to Yokozuna is generally based on Ozeki's (champion's) scores in the three previous tournaments. High scores combined with tournament victories are usually enough to

assure promotion, but the association also looks for spiritual qualities, such as dignity, which it says Yokozunas must possess.

Asahifuji's ascent through the numerous divisions and ranks in sumo was unusually long.

## Japanese buys colt for \$2.9 m

LEXINGTON, Kentucky, July 25. (Reuter): The son of American champion Seattle Slew and half-brother to classic winner Summer Squall sold for \$2.9 million yesterday to lead the two-day Keeneland July Selected Yearling Sale.

Although four horses during the second session each sold for \$2 million or more — the highest price on Monday was \$1.85 million — the average for America's prime sale of young racing prospects was down 11 per cent overall from a year ago.

American buyers were largely out-

gunned by foreigners. The sales-topping Seattle Slew colt was purchased by the British Bloodstock Agency of Ireland on behalf of Tomonori Tsurumaki of Japan. A spokesman for Tsurumaki said the colt will remain in the United States for his racing career.

This was the second straight year that a Japanese buyer has left this sale with the most expensive purchase. Last year, Zeny Tsuchiya paid \$2.8 million for a filly sired by the now-retired Northern Dancer.

Tsurumaki also spent \$2 million yesterday for a Fappiano colt who is a full brother to the stakes-winning filly Tappiano. During Tuesday's second session, 121 thoroughbreds sold for \$47.8 million total.

The average price was \$395,826, down 9.8 per cent from the year-earlier session. For the two days, 234 horses sold for \$82.3 million, an average of \$352,000 down from last year's \$395,374 average.

Despite those figures, sales director W. Rogers Beasley was not overly concerned by the decline, which followed a modest increase in average sales prices at the 1989 sale.

"I'm not disappointed at all with that. You're selling horses for \$2.9 million, I don't think you can say it's disappointing," he said.

Beasley said he had expected more participation from American buyers, who have stayed away from this sale in the past because of the high average prices being paid by Arab, European and Japanese buyers.

### Weakened

He said he felt the middle market of horses going for \$100,000 to \$500,000 was weakened by that lack of participation.

William Farish of Lane's End Farm, which consigned the top-priced colt, agreed with that assessment.

"People have been here but the horses that they've liked, they just haven't been able to buy, because the Arab and the Japanese have been 100 aggressive," he said.

Farish, who was the co-breeder of Summer Squall and sold him for \$300,000 two years ago at Keeneland, said he was surprised by the strong prices paid for offspring of Seattle Slew and Fappiano, in large part because they have not appealed to the free-spending Arab buyers.

In the past the Maktoums have favoured the Northern Dancer line, which has been highly successful in European racing.

Even D. Wayne Lukas, who for years has been the most prominent American buyer at Keeneland, was outgunned by overseas buyers this year.

Lukas said he was the underbidder on half of a dozen top-priced horses on Tuesday, including the sales top-per.

"We were getting a little frustrated," said Lukas of his inability to buy a top colt at this sale.

Cheers went up from the sales pavilion crowd when he was finally able to purchase for \$2.1 million a Secretariat filly who is a full sibling to graded stakes winners Pancho Villa and Terlingua, who were both hotly trained by Lukas.

"It was kind of exciting to buy her, because the family has been so great to me. On my scale of one to 10, this filly was a nine-plus or a ten-minus. Pancho Villa and Terlingua were both eight," said Lukas.

## Spain move into 2nd round

Sanchez and Martinez score easy wins



Sanchez thrashed Kelesi

NORCROSS, Georgia, July 25. (AP): Arantxa Sanchez and Conchita Martinez lost just five games each in their singles matches yesterday to lead second-seeded Spain to a 2-1 first round victory over Canada in the Federation Cup.

Sanchez beat Helen Kelesi 6-3, 6-2, and Martinez rolled over Jill Hetherington to clinch the match for Spain, seeded behind the United States. In the meaningless doubles match, Martinez and 17-year-old Pilar Perez lost 5-7, 6-2, 6-2 to Hetherington and Rene Simpson.

Spain, which lost last year's Federation Cup final to the United States in Tokyo, led a parade of favoured teams into the second round of the tournament, which is the women's tennis equivalent of the Davis Cup.

Despite the easy victory, Sanchez, fresh from her first grass court triumph at the Virginia Slims tournament in Newport,

Rhode Island, Sunday, suffered from heat illness late in her match, which was played in 90-degree temperature on hard courts.

"In the last two games, she was shivering and she had goose bumps," said Maria-Jose Pascual, the Spanish Federation Cup team manager.

With the seeded teams all winning easily, the day's drama was left to a handful of matches between unseeded teams played on the outer courts of the Peachtree World of Tennis.

Spain's Emanuela Zardo staged the comeback of the day, dispatching Manon Bollegraf of the Netherlands 6-7 (5-7), 7-5, 6-2 in a 3-hour, 20 minute baseline battle. The Netherlands won the match, however, 2-1.

Israel's Yael Segal, an 18-year-old ranked 241 in the world, rallied from a 5-0 deficit in the third set to match with Denmark's Tina Scheuer-Larsen

before tiring in the hot sun and losing 6-2, 3-6, 7-5.

Drained by the length of the singles match, Scheuer-Larsen then teamed with Sofie Albinus in the deciding doubles match, losing quickly to the Israeli team of Ilana Berger and Limor Zaltz 6-2, 6-3.

The Soviet Union, seeded No. 4, got singles victories from Natalia Zvereva and Leila Meskhi to beat Brazil 3-0, while Natalie Tauziat and Julie Halard led fifth-seeded France to a 3-0 win over Taiwan.

West Germany, the eighth-seeded team, parlayed singles victories by Claudia Porwick and 15-year-old Anke Huber into a 2-1 win over Argentina.

Other first-round winners included Great Britain, New Zealand and Hong Kong.

Paulette Moreno, ranked just No. 315, staged the day's biggest upset, routing Hungarian No. 1 Andrea Temesvari 6-0, 6-1 in just 43 minutes.



Berger defeated Shiras

## Connell and Berger outlast opponents

TORONTO, July 25. (AP): Canada's Grant Connell, two points away from defeat, topped Kelly Everden of New Zealand in a third-set tiebreaker last night in the first round of the \$1.5 million Players International Tennis Tournament.

Connell had Everden at 6-3 in the tiebreaker, when a freakish sudden downpour stopped play. After a brief delay, Connell closed out the match 6-1, 4-6, 7-6 (7-4).

He was to face third-seed John McEnroe of the United States today in the second round.

Connell and doubles partner Glenn Michihata, the top-seeded team, will also meet McEnroe and Australian Mark Woodforde in the second round of that competition.

"I've always wanted to play him or Jimmy Connors," Connell said. "I'm really enjoying tennis right now. I just love being on the court."

In other action yesterday, fourth-seed Jay Berger of the United States defeated Leif Shiras 6-2, 6-4, in the second round. Shiras is an American living in Toronto.

"Berger's the Pete Rose of tennis — he gives 110 per cent all the time and he wins on grit and hustle," Shiras said.

Learned

Exhausted from constant work in the first half of the year, Berger took off after the French Open, skipping Wimbledon. He fished. He played golf. He just hung around. It was therapeutic.

"I learned just to play the tournaments you really want to play, because if you're not healthy you're not going to play well," said Berger, who cramp up in the quarterfinals of the US Open last year and had to withdraw.

"Right now I'm really hungry because I haven't played a lot."

Other seeds also persevered. No. 14 Jean Fleurant eliminated Glen Michibata 7-6 (7-5), 6-2; No. 10 Jim Grahm ousted Udo Riglewski of West Germany 6-4, 7-6 (7-4); and No. 16 Mark Kratzmann of Australia defeated Simon Youl 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Connell was down 0-30 and 4-5 in the third set before he came back to break Everden.

## Australians dominate rugby game

TIMARU, New Zealand, July 25. (AP): Wing Darren Juncie and John Fleet each scored two tries today as Australia romped to a 34-0 rugby union win over a Hanan Shield Districts representative team.

Australia scored five tries and dominated the match. It was the Wallabies' first game since they lost 21-6 to New Zealand in the first Test in Christchurch last Saturday.

Prop Geoff Didier scored the other try for Australia, while fly half David Knox kicked two penalties and four conversions to take his tally to 40 points in the three tour matches in which he has played.

### Spirited

The Hanan Shield combined team, made up of Second Division district and Third Division teams, gave a spirited performance, but could not match the Wallabies' slickness.

The win improved Australia's tour record to 2-3. It has lost to Waikato, Auckland and New Zealand and beaten West Coast.

It next faces the Otago provincial team in Dunedin on Saturday.

The second Test in the three-Test series for the Bledisloe Cup is scheduled for August 4 in Auckland.

Four competitors tested

positive at international events and six more at national competitions, Adn said. It did not say where the events took place or identify the sports.

The laboratory in Kreischa conducted a total of 1,389 tests based on urine samples from athletes in the first six months of this year, Adn reported yesterday.

The East German news agency said the results were based only on preliminary urine tests that had not been subjected to a mandatory second probe when doping is suspected.

Adn said mandatory second tests had not been conducted and none of the athletes had given statements as required when doping is suspected.

## 10 doping cases suspected

EAST BERLIN, July 25. (AP): An East German laboratory conducting doping tests has discovered 10 athletes suspected of using performance-enhancing drugs in the first half of this year, the news agency Adn reported yesterday.

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Four competitors tested



Queen Silvia (left), King Carl Gustav (centre) and Prince Philip watch the opening ceremonies. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Swiss rider wins warmup event

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, July 25. (AP): Christine Stueckelberger of Switzerland won the first warmup to the World Dressage Championship yesterday, 16 months after a serious riding accident jeopardized her competitive career.

The former Olympique champion, with her stallion Gauguin de Lully, won first-place rating from all five judges in the Intermediaire II class. She gained 1,147 points.

The Soviet Union, favourites for the silver team medal behind the West Germans, had three riders in the top seven. Yuri Kovshov on Bouket came second with 1,101 points.

Stueckelberger was the only one of a half-dozen favourites for the individual title who competed yesterday in the warmup for the World Team championship in Grand Prix Dressage. The team championship takes place tomorrow and Friday.

The games are one of the biggest sport events ever in Sweden where the 1912 Olympics and the 1956 Olympic Games took place.

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# IAAF to oppose special meeting between Johnson and Lewis

SEATTLE, Washington, July 25. (Reuters) The International Amateur Athletic Federation would frown on a 100-metre match race between world record holder Carl Lewis and disgraced Canadian sprinter Ben John-

son as has been discussed, says IAAF president Primo Nebiolo. "We are against a competition between two people in a special meeting," Nebiolo, whose group could take action against the sprinters if

they violated IAAF wishes, told Reuters at the Goodwill Games on Monday.

"If this competition can happen during a meeting where it would be a normal race between eight athletes, it

could occur," Nebiolo said. Johnson's two-year IAAF suspension for a positive drug test ends in September and there have been hot negotiations to stage a race between the two sprinters. Some promoters

have proposed a two-man showdown in a car park in Las Vegas, others have wanted the two to run on the Boardwalk in Atlantic City.

The Lewis camp, and promoters in Spain, and Tokyo, want the race as

part of a regular meeting this autumn or next spring.

Nebiolo said Johnson, who was stripped of his Olympic gold medal and world record because of the positive test, had been tested four

times under IAAF sanction and all results had been negative.

The IAAF president would not comment on last month's Canadian government inquiry report on drug use.

## Drag racer trying to live as paraplegic

MIAMI, July 25, (AP) Champion drag racer Darrill Gwynn said yesterday he has laughed a little and cried a lot while trying to adjust to crash injuries that left him paralysed.

"It's a true test," said Gwynn, flanked by his mother and fiancee. "And I think we're going to make it."

The Miami driver seriously injured his neck, spine and left arm when his dragster hit a guardrail at more than 200 miles per hour (322 kilometres per hour) during a race in Bedfordshire, England, last April 15. Five weeks later, when the injuries were no longer life-threatening, Gwynn was flown to Jackson Memorial Hospital and became a patient in the Miami project to cure paraparesis.

Gwynn, 28, talked with reporters at a news conference called in response to numerous interview requests. He was so eager to discuss his condition that he spoke for 10 minutes before the first question was asked.

"My inner strength has come from my friends," he said. "Since this accident I've heard from everybody I ever knew, and that's been a big part of this recovery."

Gwynn spoke in a strong, firm voice and smiled easily. He sat in a wheelchair, his large neck brace visible above his suit, dress shirt and tie. Cameras clicked as he entered the room.

"If you all thought I'm going to come here dressed like I've been hurt, you're crazy," he said.

Because part of Gwynn's injured arm was amputated, his left sleeve was folded at his side. Although motion in his right arm is limited, he was able to gesture.

Gwynn receives four hours of therapy daily.

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"It's pretty sad what you can't do," he said. "Some of the things they have me do would take you all a minute but take me almost a full one-hour class...."

"They make us work for every single thing we do. If they give us a cookie, they hold it up in the air and make us teach for it."

This month, Gwynn began going home on weekends. He's scheduled to be released from the hospital Nov. 9; until the crash, he and fiancee Lisa Hurst had planned to wed Nov. 10.

"We just put that on the back burner," said Hurst 24.

## Hick sets another record

### Youngest player to hit 50 tons

LONDON, July 25, (AP) Zimbabwe-born Graeme Hick scored the fastest century of the English cricket season yesterday and wrote his name on another page of the record books when he replaced Sir Donald Bradman as the youngest player to hit 50 centuries.

And with an aggregate of 592 runs without being dismissed, the 24-year-old batsman is homing in on another record, the 709 hit in successive innings by Indian Khan Mohammed Ibrahim in 1947 before he was out.

Hick, who qualifies to play for England next year, followed his first innings 252 for Worcestershire against Glamorgan at Abergavenny, Wales, with an unbeaten 100 in the same game.

But Glamorgan almost spoiled Hick's celebrations and wound up contributing to another record.

In a dramatic finish to the game, the Welsh county went within two runs of beating Worcestershire, the county champion, despite needing a huge score of 495 for victory.

Glamorgan reached 493 for six when time ran out. And, although the result was a draw, the total number of runs in the game was the highest ever for a three-day game.

The second century, scored two minutes faster than Viv Richards' 81-minute hundred in May, was Hick's 50th in top-class cricket at age 24 years and two months.

Bradman, the Australian who is rated the greatest batsmen ever and was knighted for his services to cricket, was the previous youngest to reach 50 when he toured England in 1934 at age 26.

Hick's name already is dotted about the English cricket record books. Two years ago he made the highest individual score in England this century, 405 in one innings, for Worcestershire against Somerset.

And in 1986, he became the youngest batsman to hit 2,000 runs in one season.

Hick's match haul of 352 took him to 1,138 runs for the season at an average of 126.44.

Remarkably, Glamorgan came close after Alan Butcher and John Morris had given them a flying start with an opening stand of 256.

Butcher passed 20,000 first-class runs on his way to 130. Morris made 119.

The drawn match produced an



Graeme Hick breaks Bradman's record

aggregate of 1,641 runs, easily a record for a three-day game in Britain and only nine runs short of the four-day county record set by Surrey and Lancashire in May.

The previous highest for a three-day game was the 1,502 for the match between MCC and New Zealand at Lord's in 1927.

Middlesex consolidated their championship lead with a four-wicket win over Somerset at Uxbridge. Mike Ramprakash

led the way with a brilliant career-best 146 not out.

He hammered five sixes and 12 fours off just 133 balls as Middlesex raced to a 369-run target.

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Ryashkina sets world record

# Soviets brush aside US



Ryashkina (left) celebrates her world record. Right: the Soviets jump in joy after they beat the American basketball team (Reuter wirephoto)

## W. German soccer gets a boost

BONN, July 25. (Reuter): World Cup success has fired West German enthusiasm for soccer, boosting ticket sales and attracting lucrative sponsorship deals ahead of the new season.

Despite the absence of seven of the country's World Cup winning stars who play in Italy, First Division teams are reporting record season ticket sales and a queue of sponsors hoping to cash in on the nation's euphoria.

Defending champions Bayern Munich have signed a new 15 million mark (\$10 million) three-year contract with their major sponsors Opel and Willi Lemke, manager of Werder Bremen, said money was pouring in.

"In the new season we are expecting a six-figure increase (in revenue)," he said.

Bayern cup winners Kaiserslautern, Bayer Leverkusen and even Hamburg, who narrowly missed relegation last year, all report season ticket sales up.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Sheraton bridge

RESULTS of Sheraton bridge game held on Tuesday:

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1. Adly Tib & El Baaz

2. Sherin & Salman Ali

3. Sabri & Saad

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1. Nizar & Ikram

2. Ravi & Mukherjee

3. Sapre & Mrs Perera

A team of four bridge will be held on Friday at the Sheraton Hotel at 3.00 pm.

### YMCA tourney

YOUNG Men Cultural Association (YMCA) will be organising three cricket tournaments at the Riqqa Grounds behind the Riqqa Vegetable Market during the 1990-91 season. The tournaments are: Goodyear Al Mailem Cricket Tournament, Rothmans Royals Cricket Tournament and Kuwait-India International Exchange Company Cricket Tournament. The tournaments will commence in September and the draws will be held in mid-August. For entries call organiser, Freddy Fernandes on Tel. 3924393.

### Karpov ahead

BIENNE, Switzerland, July 25. (AP): Anatoly Karpov made short shrift of fellow Soviet Lev Polugayevsky yesterday, widening his lead in the International Grandmasters' Chess Tournament.



US Chris Gatling goes up for a basket. (Reuter wirephoto)



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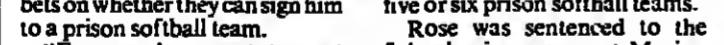
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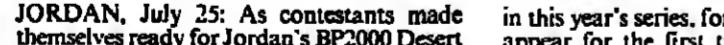
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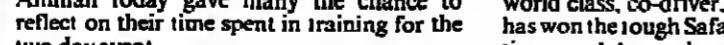
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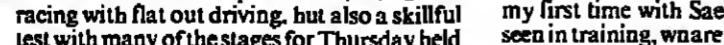
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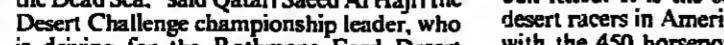
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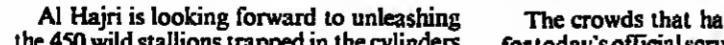
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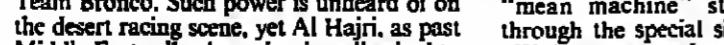
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